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Bonuses aplenty for civil servants, records show

Public-sector managers in Ontario. Dishing out bonuses in 2011 raises questions about Liberals' commitment to cost-cutting, critics say

About 98 per cent of eligible managers in the Ontario Public Service received bonuses last year, despite assurances from the cash-strapped government that it's serious about freezing pay in the broader public sector.

The controversy over awarding bonuses when the province is awash in red ink was revived this week when the head of eHealth Ontario returned his hefty bonus after it was reported by The Canadian Press.

Greg Reed, CEO of the provincial agency, received the $81,250 bonus on top of his $329,000 salary in June. He offered to pay back the money after coming under heavy fire from opposition parties.

According to documents obtained by The Canadian Press, about 8,700 of 8,900 eligible civil servants received performance pay in 2011, costing the provincial treasury $35.6 million.

The documents, obtained under freedom-of-information laws, said the highest bonus awarded to a manager was 12 per cent of his or her pay, while the lowest was 0.46 per cent. The average was 3.6 per cent.

"It's shocking, but not surprising," said Progressive Conservative Peter Shurman.

Taxpayers who are trying to get by on less pay should be outraged, because those numbers don't reflect what's happening in the private sector, he said.

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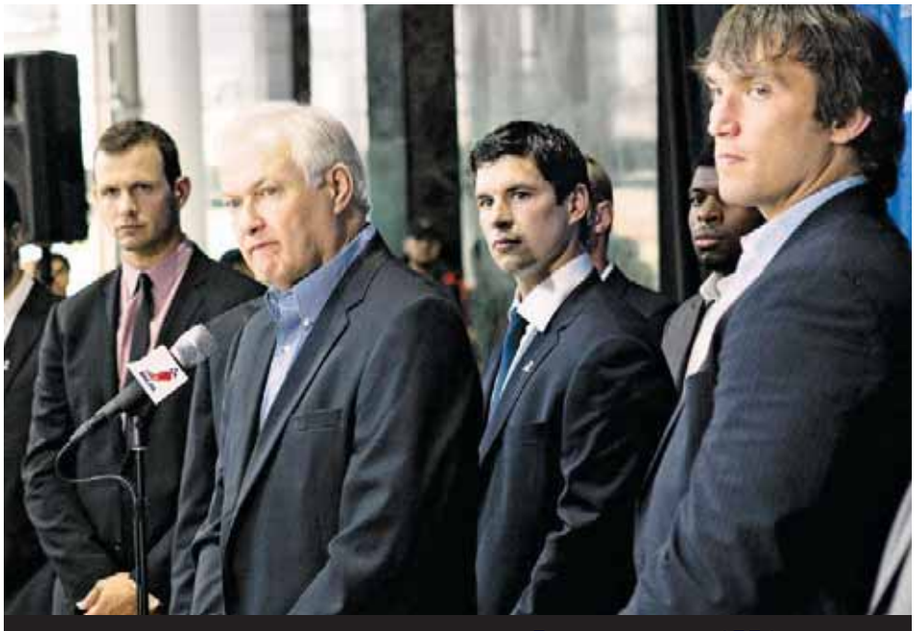
Double standard?

- The governing Liberals are sending mixed messages by allowing OPS managers to get bonuses while demanding a wage freeze from teachers and other public-sector workers, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said.



Players willing to MAKE DO WITH LESS

Donald Fehr, centre, executive director of the NHL Players' Association, stands with players Jason Spezza, left, Sidney Crosby, P.K. Subban and Alex Ovechkin as they speak to the press after collective-bargaining talks in Toronto on Tuesday. By the union's calculations, the first offer they put forth could see players give up as much as $465 million US in revenue. Story, page 35. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A sip and a flip

Pairing books and coffee may seem like a no-brainer, but Balzac's Coffee recently became the first storefront shop in a Toronto public library PAGE 4

Youth riots flare up

Eruption of violence in Amiens shows how little relations have changed between police and youths in France's housing projects PAGE 12

Whitney's final role

Late singer Whitney Houston was 'so full of joy' while working on Sparkle, a film about a single mother of a musical prodigy PAGE 21

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Mental illness

Inquest to look into 3 police shootings

The coroner's office has called an inquest into the deaths of three GTA residents suffering from mental health issues who were shot by police while carrying knives or scissors: Reyal Jardine-Douglas, 25, Sylvia Klibingaitis, 52, and Michael Eligon, 29. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TTC looks to the past

Bendy buses return

The bendy bus is back.

Nearly a decade after the TTC retired its articulated buses, new models will be running on some of the city's busiest routes starting in the fall of 2013. The city councillors on the Toronto Transit Commission are expected to approve a $24.3-million contract to Nova Corp. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

LRV preview

All aboard for the future at CNE

Commuters and fair-goers will get a sneak peek at the next generation of Toronto transit at this year's CNE. Metrolinx is bringing a mockup of the new light rail vehicles (LRV) that will run on the Eglinton-Scarborough Crosstown line, Sheppard, Finch and the SRT. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A prototype LRV is trucked into the CNE grounds Tuesday.
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'Please get a driver,' police tell Ford after photo posted

Caught on camera. Mayor shown behind the wheel of his new Cadillac Escalade on the highway while holding a document

Mayor Rob Ford was photographed reading a document while driving on the Gardiner Expressway on Tuesday morning, prompting the police to issue an unusual Facebook plea begging him to get a driver.

"On behalf of all the citizens of Toronto that value road safety, Mr. Mayor ... please get a driver. It is obvious that you are busy enough to require one and no amount of money you are saving by not having one is worth the life of one of your citizens," Sgt. Tim Burrows, a social media officer and former spokesperson for the traffic services unit, wrote on the official police Facebook page.

The Tuesday incident was the third in just over a year in which Ford has been accused of unsafe or distracted driving. He was also convicted of drunk driving in Florida in 1999.

The photo was posted at 10:42 a.m. on Twitter. Told of its existence at an unrelated news conference later in the morning, Ford was unapologetic. "Yeah, probably," he said flatly. "I'm busy."

The news conference, held to announce a city trade mission to Chicago in September, was delayed from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. because Ford was late. It is unclear what Ford was reading, but the text in the document captured by the photo has the large font Ford often uses for his prepared speeches. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Twitter reacts

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This photo appears to show Mayor Rob Ford reading papers while driving his Escalade along the Gardiner Expressway Tuesday morning. The mayor later admitted he was probably reading while driving. TWITTER.COM

Not-so-smooth ride

It's not the first time Mayor Rob Ford has made headlines for what he does behind the wheel.

- In July 2011, Ottilie Mason said she saw Rob Ford using his cellphone while driving; after she and her six-year-old daughter gave him a thumbs-down gesture, she said, he gave them the finger. Ford called the incident a "misunderstanding," but he soon began using a hands-free phone system.
- This past June, Ford was confronted by a streetcar driver after he drove past the closed back doors of the vehicle when the front doors were open. A police spokesperson said it is safest to stop behind all streetcar doors but only illegal to drive past open doors.
- Ford has spoken frequently of his penchant for returning residents' phone calls while driving.

Mayor to lead Chicago trade mission next month

Mayor Rob Ford is looking to renew a 1991 sister-cities agreement with Chicago, seen here in March. RAYMOND BOYD/MICHAEL OCHS ARCHIVES/GETTY IMAGES

Mayor Rob Ford's "business mission" to Chicago next month is billed as an effort to forge closer ties, but he makes it sound more like a corporate raiding party.

The Sept. 18 to 19 trip by "Team Toronto" business and political leaders will, according to the city, "focus on forging strategic alliances and encouraging investment, trade and learning opportunities between Toronto and Chicago."

Amid the hoped-for deal-making, Ford and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel will renew a 1991 sister-cities agreement.

At a Tuesday news conference with mission co-chairs George Cohon, the McDonald's Canada founder, and Porter Airlines chief executive Robert Deluce, a journalist asked Ford: "Are you hoping that businesses will relocate here?"

"Absolutely, absolutely," the mayor replied. "If we can get them to open up their head offices here and come up, that's the goal."

Another reporter asked: "Why would they leave Chicago to come here?" Ford replied: "We have to create an environment for them to come here."
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Doug Ford clarifies

Coun. Doug Ford, the mayor's brother and chief executive of the family label-making firm, which has an office in a Chicago suburb, later said the mayor will not urge firms to leave Chicago.

- "What he's saying is he'd like them to open up a Canadian division in Toronto, similar to what Sears have done, McDonald's have done, Kraft have done," he said.

Mobile news

From fresh-faced youngsters to vocal virtuosos: Scan the code to see these kids transform into colourful characters at the Peking Opera summer camp.

Graffiti mural project offers riders a glimpse of Canada's best artists

Help enlisted. They came from all across the country to beautify drab sound barrier

Graffiti on the sound barrier wall on Joe Shuster Way just beside the GO train tracks. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A graffiti mural project nearly completed in Toronto's west end is offering up some grit and soul to bleary-eyed train commuters and a neighbourhood once teeming with artists and now filled with tidy townhouses and condos.

"The Reclamation Project" has, for the past several weeks, been taking form on a once vandalized concrete sound barrier near Queen Street West and Dufferin Street, along a rail corridor used by the Milton, Kitchener and Barrie GO train lines.

The 300-metre-long, six-metre-high wall, between the tracks and Joe Shuster Way, was recently targeted by Toronto's anti-graffiti bylaw enforcement and threatened with a mundane destiny: repeated whitewashing to cover up uninvited tagging.

That's where José-Gabriel and Bill Emerson, both 25, come in. The local artists, who as artists go by just their first and middle names, had put together downtown murals before. One is in an alleyway near Keele subway station.

They began making calls, bringing together 65 of the best artists from across the country, each responsible for painting a section. Some came from as far away as Halifax, Regina and Winnipeg. Most are locals, who took time off from jobs or painted in their free time.

To create what's believed to be the largest graffiti production wall in Canada, each artist was given as many cans of paint as needed and had creative licence to paint as they saw fit. So long as that wasn't offensive or distasteful, the project got a thumbs-up from Metrolinx and the city.

Every section is adorned with one letter that spells out "Parkdale," "West Queen West," "Liberty Village," and "Toronto," giving the compilation of individual pieces a community project vibe.

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Plea made

Mom in custody, girl still missing

Police are calling for information after a Toronto woman turned herself in to police Tuesday, nearly a month after she allegedly abducted her daughter. Her child remains missing.

Dystani Heng, 12, and her mother, Veasna Heng, 31, were last seen on July 16. The girl was visiting her mother for the weekend, said Const. Tony Vella of the Toronto police.

Police say Veasna Heng is not co-operating with the investigation, and officers are searching the GTA for the girl.

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Contract vacant

Tow truck bids stalled in zone

Not a single towing company bid for the three-year contract to tow cars in District 5 after the Toronto Police Services Board requested proposals for the second time in April.

The district, one of six in the city, runs roughly from Bathurst Street east to Victoria Park Avenue and from Eglinton Avenue south to the lake.

Tow truck companies say the low volume of tows in the district simply isn't enough to turn a profit.

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A read on a tasty idea.

First storefront coffee shop opens in city library

There is a Tim Hortons down the street and a Starbucks just past it, but this is a natural place for Sharon Chau to sip coffee and tuck into What Got You Here Won't Get You There by Marshall Goldsmith.

It's a library book, after all, and she's in the library — sort of.

Chau is sitting at the long wooden communal table at the newly opened Balzac's Coffee at the Toronto Reference Library on Yonge Street.

It is the first full-blown storefront coffee shop in a public library in the city of Toronto.

The coffee shop features Parisian-style woven chairs, a bar built for people-watching, and of course, a variety of caffeinated beverages.

It's also part of a push to make some money off free books.

"It's a win for all of the participants," said Linda Mackenzie, director of research and reference libraries. "It generates a consistent revenue stream for the library."

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Balzac's Coffee opened in the Toronto Reference Library last week, the first time a storefront coffee shop has opened in a city library.
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Serial ticketing

Cabbies not tapped for tickets: City official

Miscommunication between taxi drivers, the city and police has led to a perception of "serial ticketing" of cabbies, a city official says.

"There is no systemic focus on the taxi industry," Tracey Cook of the municipal licensing and standards division said Tuesday as the three sides met at city hall. They emerged agreeing they need to talk more often.

Taxi drivers have said they feel targeted by serial ticketing, and that it is souring relations with police. Gail Beck-Souter, manager of Beck Taxi, said some drivers have received as many as 10 tickets at once.

Police Insp. Sandra Richardson said there's poor exchange between licensing and standards officers and police. Both can write tickets. "We're looking at (having) better communication to update officers on (bylaws)," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cancer screening

New PAP test guidelines start at age 21

Women in Ontario should be screened every three years for cervical cancer, starting at 21, according to new recommendations by Cancer Care Ontario.

The guidelines are a departure from previous recommendations because the organizations says women under 21 do not need a PAP smear.

"New research shows that screening women under age 21, regardless of the age they first became sexually active, doesn't actually reduce (women's) risk for cervical cancer," said Dr. Linda Rabeneck of Cancer Care Ontario.

Cancer Care Ontario says research suggests the harms of screening women under 21 "significantly outweigh" the benefits. The harms include unnecessary follow-up exams and procedures, such as biopsies. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sheen to tee off on the green

Joe Carter and Charlie Sheen gaze up at the CN Tower on Tuesday before the Toronto Blue Jays took on the Chicago White Sox at the Rogers Centre. The former Blue Jays great and the Anger Management actor are in town for Carter's annual Joe Carter Classic, which pairs golfers with celebrities to raise money for the Children's Aid Foundation. It takes place on Wednesday. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Freeze police budget, says councillor

Aiming for zero. Councillor says Chief Blair has promised to look at internal organization and staffing for cuts

City hall wants the Toronto Police Service to freeze its 2013 operating budget, a member of council's budget committee says.

That approach sets up a possible standoff between the police force, nearly 5,000 strong, and a Ford administration that is eager to control costs.

Flat-lining the net police budget at the 2012 level of $933.8 million would require that the police somehow absorb higher wages and other looming cost increases.

Coun. Mike Del Grande, chair of the budget committee, will appear before the police board on Wednesday to deliver his "assumptions and expectations" for 2013 spending. Del Grande wouldn't provide details, but Coun. Peter Milczyn, a member of the committee, said a budget freeze is the minimum desired outcome — a budget cut would be even better.

Milczyn said Chief Bill Blair is committed to aiming toward a zero budget increase for 2013. "The chief promised in this coming round that basically the 2013 budget would be flat-lined, or possibly even just under (2012)." He also said a cut in total police spending shouldn't be out of the question. "I think a lot of us are prepared to fight over this — no more than they got last year, and we would push them to try and reduce.

"We do not want to be increasing anybody's budgets going into 2013." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Numbers game

- While other city departments were instructed to shoot for a 10 per cent budget cut last year, the police would have had to pare $93 million from their spending this year. That, Peter Milczyn said, was unrealistic.
- But they did come close. City council signed off on a final 2012 police budget that was $4.3 million — or just 0.5 per cent — higher than the 2011 budget.

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Russian sect eccentricity exaggerated?

Kazan. Questions raised over whether officials overstated how the sect lived

Russian authorities spoke of a creepy cult living in an "eight-level ant house" dug deep into the ground, where children were kept in unheated cells and starved of daylight.

A visit to the compound suggests a more ordinary reality.

A brief visit inside the compound, which provided shocking headlines around the world when police raided it and seized the children, revealed none of the elaborate underground design described by prosecutors.

Nor does a police video showing rooms inside.

The father of a cult member, who originally disapproved of his daughter joining the group, said he was able to visit freely. The portrayals raise questions about whether authorities have exaggerated the eccentricity, to show they are cracking down on Islamic groups. The spokeswoman for Kazan prosecutors did not answer repeated calls to her office on Monday.

Police stumbled upon the bizarre sect in early August as they investigated what they described as a terrorist attack that killed a top cleric in oil-rich Tatarstan, where the population is 60 per cent Muslim.

Sect leaders are enraged over the seizure of the children and the police action against their project, and vowed to triumph.

"Allah will punish you," Gumer Ganiyev, the sect leader's deputy, yelled at police officers. "You will all die tomorrow." The fate of the sect's property remains unclear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Proposed law comes back to bite Ryan

Republican U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney, front, and vice-presidential running mate Paul Ryan greet supporters in Wisconsin. Romney's eldest son, Tagg, and his wife announced the birth of twin boys in May with the help of in-vitro fertilization and a surrogate mother. But that's a process that would be illegal under a proposed law Ryan once advocated, the Sanctity of Human Life Act. Co-sponsored by Ryan, it would have enshrined the notion that life begins at fertilization, essentially criminalizing in-vitro fertilization.

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Hungary

Anti-Semite finds he has Jewish ancestry

As a rising star in Hungary's far-right Jobbik Party, Csanad Szegedi was notorious for his incendiary comments on Jews: He accused them of "buying up" the country, railed about the "Jewishness" of the political elite and claimed Jews were desecrating national symbols.

Then came a revelation that knocked him off his perch: Szegedi himself is a Jew. Following weeks of rumours, Szegedi acknowledged that his grandparents on his mother's side were Jews, making him one, too.

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Horror film

Saw franchise cast hits Halifax

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Burglar breaks into Steve Jobs' house

And swipes Apple computers! Arrested thief probably was unaware of the home's significance, police say

The Jobs job: The Palo Alto, Calif., home of the late Apple Inc. co-founder Steve Jobs was burgled last month, police say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Several computers and personal items worth more than $60,000 were stolen from the northern California home of the late Steve Jobs in what authorities say was a run-of-the-mill burglary.

"I've never gotten this many calls from people," Scott Tsui, supervising deputy district attorney of Santa Clara County, said of the July 17 theft in Palo Alto. "Other than the fact it involves Mr. Jobs, it's a pretty standard burglary case."

Kariem McFarlin, 35, was arrested on Aug. 2 and charged with residential burglary and selling stolen property. Police believe he was unaware he had broken into the Jobs home.

"I'd imagine the suspect eventually realized whose house he was in, but outside, it was just another house in Palo Alto," Tsui said.

Authorities suspect the seven-bedroom house was targeted because it was undergoing renovation and may have appeared less secure.

"We're not aware of anything stolen that was anything special or different from any other burglary. The computers, I'd imagine since he's Mr. Jobs, are Apple products," Tsui said.

McFarlin faces almost eight years in prison if he is convicted, prosecutors said.

Jobs, the co-founder of Apple Inc., died last October at the age of 56.

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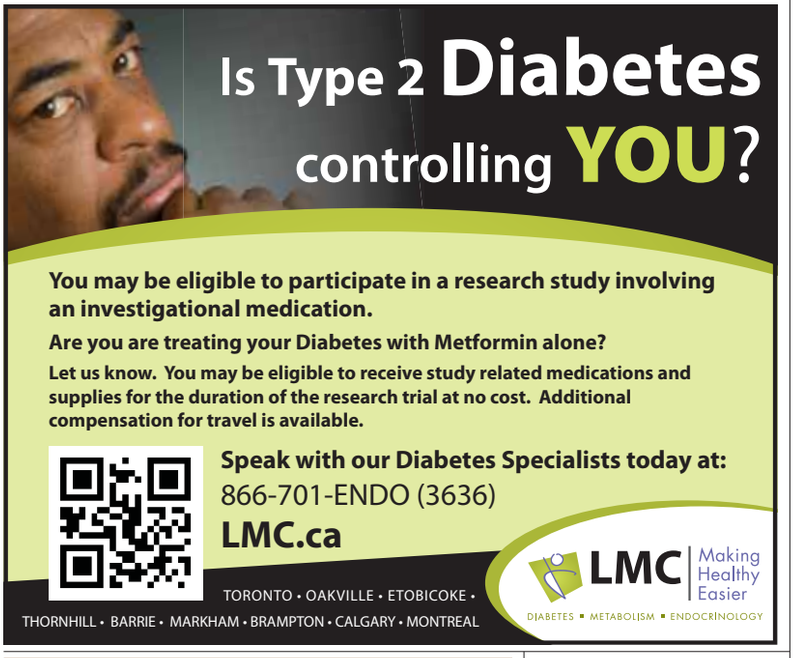
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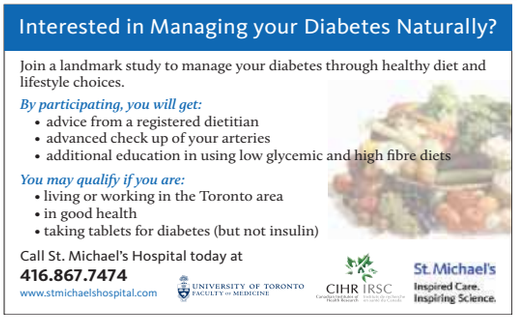
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5 survive copter crashes on Mount Kenya

A Ugandan air-force pilot is rescued from a helicopter that crashed on Mount Kenya on Sunday while en route to Somalia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hope dims. Rescuers don't expect seven missing soldiers to survive a third night on the mountain

Rescue teams found two bodies and searched for at least seven soldiers and airmen on Tuesday after three Ugandan helicopter gunships crashed on Kenya's highest mountain.

Five survivors found on Tuesday had spent two nights on Mount Kenya in sub-freezing temperatures.

The aircraft were on their way to Somalia to help fight al-Qaida-linked militants.

Authorities could yet say why the three Russian Mi-24 helicopters crashed. Ugandan officials said preliminary information indicated that bad weather was responsible.

Mount Kenya — Africa's second-highest peak — has been shrouded in clouds even as rescuers tried to locate the wreckage from Sunday's crashes.

One point to be investigated will be whether the pilots took the wrong flight path. Concerns were raised in Uganda that the well-trained crew flew too close to Mount Kenya. A Ugandan official insisted that there was nothing wrong with the helicopters.

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Hypothermia risk

"At that altitude ... chances are that you might be killed of hypothermia."

Simon Gitau, deputy warden of Mt. Kenya National Park.

Needle tampering

Fired hospital tech charged

Lies, weak regulation and poor communication allowed radiology technician David Kwiatkowski to move from job to job around the U.S. even after he was fired twice by hospitals. He was arrested in July and charged with tampering with needles and infecting at least 31 people with hepatitis C.

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Argentina

Ex-president on trial for bribery

Argentina is finally putting a former president on trial for bribery after 12 years of preparation.

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S.Korea marks Liberation day

A woman looks at national flags displayed on trees in front of Songpa-Gu Office, an old capitol of Korea, in Seoul on Tuesday ahead of celebrations to mark the 67th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japan's colonial rule. Liberation day falls on Aug. 15.

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Draped in Israel's flag, a newcomer pushes through a curtain at Ben Gurion Airport on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Their promised land

Pilgrimage. Despite risk of warfare, 350 start new life in Israel

About 350 Jews from North America landed in Israel on Tuesday, planning to make the Jewish state their new home … and maybe to fight.

Their arrival coincides with an escalating debate over whether Israel should attack Iran's nuclear facilities.

Israel and many in the West believe Iran may be aiming to produce nuclear weapons. Iran denies that.

The newcomers dismissed all the risks. "I'm not nervous about Iran," said 18-year-old Becca Richman, who left her family in Philadelphia to serve in the Israeli military.

"Honestly, I'm more nervous about fitting into Israeli society than I am being in the army. This is my dream."

Nearly 130 other army recruits were on Tuesday's chartered flight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hate ignites bitter battle

Young people revolt in France. A school, a gym and cars torched in Amiens as riot police face cascades of buckshot and fireworks

Months of mounting tension between police and young people in a troubled district of northern France exploded in deadly violence on Tuesday.

In a grim night in Amiens, dozens of youths firing buckshot and fireworks faced off against riot officers.

Seventeen officers were injured, a pre-school and public gym were torched, and at least three passing drivers in Amiens were dragged from their cars. A dozen cars were burned.

The immediate cause of the riots was unclear, but a standoff between police and people attending a memorial for a young man who died in a motorcycle accident may have been one trigger. Officials stressed police were not involved in the death.

The eruption of violence shows how little relations have changed between police and youths in France's housing projects since nationwide riots in 2005 raged unchecked for nearly a month, leaving entire neighbourhoods in flames.

The sister of the young man who died in the motorcycle accident said it was impossible for people in her community to even speak with the police.

"As soon as they see young people, it's to handcuff them or harass them," said Sabrina Hadji, 22.

"The dialogue is completely broken."

Hadji, whose 20-year-old brother Nadir died in the accident, added: "The police in Amiens really, really, really hate the people in the northern part of Amiens. They consider us to be animals."

Anger was still running high when Interior Minister Manuel Valls arrived in the neighbourhood Tuesday afternoon.

A small group of people tried to push through Valls' security detail as he walked through the area, alternately booing him, cursing him and trying to speak to him.

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After a night of rioting, a burned-out car sits on a street in Amiens, about 120 kilometres north of Paris. The French government has designated the city as one of 15 impoverished zones that will receive more money and security.

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Hydro horror

Woman billed for streetlights

A Connecticut power company has reimbursed a woman almost $10,500 after acknowledging it billed her for 25 years for the electricity used to power streetlights near her home.

Grace Edwards said she discovered the billing error after a prospective buyer for the house in Cheshire, Conn., asked for a history of utility charges.

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Hamburg a first

City recognizes Islamic holidays

Authorities in Hamburg have become the first in Germany to officially recognize Islamic holidays so Muslim employees and students can celebrate them at home.

Similar agreements exist with Christian and Jewish communities.

Hamburg's mayor, Olaf Scholz, hopes the deal will serve as an example for other German cities.

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Ecuador likely to decide this week on asylum for Assange

A pedestrian walks past a photograph of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, placed by supporters across the street from the Ecuadorian Embassy in central London, Tuesday. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WikiLeaks. Correa says his country is concerned Assange will be extradited to U.S., where he could face death penalty

President Rafael Correa of Ecuador says he hopes to announce this week whether he will grant political asylum to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

Correa told state TV that it was necessary to examine a great deal of material about international law in order to make a responsible, informed decision. He said he expected to have the latest reports in hand by Wednesday.

Assange took refuge in Ecuador's embassy in London in June to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning for alleged sexual misconduct.

Correa said Monday that Ecuador is concerned Assange could be extradited to the United States and possibly face the death sentence there. Assange's supporters believe he has been secretly indicted there. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida. Scrabble player booted after being caught cheating at national tourney

One of the top young Scrabble players in the U.S. has been kicked out of the game's national championship tournament in Florida after he was caught hiding blank letter tiles, organizers said Tuesday.

John D. Williams, Jr., executive director of the National Scrabble Association, said that the player was ejected from the 350-player event in Round 24 of the 28-round event.

The cheating was spotted by a player at a nearby table, who noticed the ejected player conceal a pair of blank tiles by dropping them on the floor, organizers said. Blank tiles can be used as wildcard letters.

Quoted

"The Scrabble world is abuzz."

John D. Williams Jr., executive director of the National Scrabble association, on reactions to the cheating

When confronted by the tournament director, he admitted to it, organizers said.

Williams, who has served as executive director for 25 years and co-authored a book on the popular Hasbro board game in 1993, said this was the first incident of cheating at a national tournament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. Obama to let illegal immigrants under 30 stay for work with form, fee

Election year. Obama previously attacked for not doing enough for immigration reform

The Obama administration on Tuesday directed young illegal immigrants to fill out new forms if they want to apply under a new program that would let them avoid deportation and obtain a U.S. work permit.

The government renewed warnings that the process would not lead to citizenship or give them permission to travel internationally. It will begin accepting immigrants' applications Wednesday.

The announcement came just months before what is shaping up to be a tight contest for the White House.

Seeking re-election, President Barack Obama has come under fire by Hispanic voters and others who say he has not fulfilled a previous campaign promise to reform the nation's immigration laws.

The policy change could stop deportations for more than a million young illegal immigrants.

The paperwork for the program, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, can be downloaded from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website, said the agency's director, Alejandro Mayorkas. Applicants must pay a $465 fee and provide proof of identity and eligibility.

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Naysayer

Critics of the program have called the policy backdoor amnesty and say they worry about fraud.

- "While potentially millions of illegal immigrants will be permitted to compete with American workers for scarce jobs, there seems to be little if any mechanism in place for vetting fraudulent applications and documentation submitted by illegal immigrants," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith.

Fort Hood. Army shrink's trial won't be delayed, military judge rules

A U.S. military judge on Tuesday refused to again delay the trial of an army psychiatrist charged in a deadly shooting rampage at an army base in Texas, setting up a highly anticipated court-martial next week.

Maj. Nidal Hasan must plead not guilty Wednesday to the 13 counts of premeditated murder he currently faces in the November 2009 attack at Fort Hood. Military law doesn't allow guilty pleas to charges that carry the death penalty as the maximum sentence.

Hasan also is charged with 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the attack at the Texas Army post. Military prosecutors and defence attorneys are barred from discussing the case outside court, so it's unclear how Hasan will plead to those charges. He faces the death penalty or life in prison without parole if convicted.

The judge, Col. Gregory Gross, previously delayed the trial from March to June and then to August. In the latest request, defence attorneys argued they had not been able to look through 26 boxes of documents and talk to 20 new witnesses.

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U.S. Maj. Nidal Hasan at the San Antonio to Bell County Jail in Belton, Texas.
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Syria. Prime minister who defected urges army to take side of people

The Syrian prime minister who defected said Tuesday that Bashar Assad's regime is near collapse and urged other leaders to tip the scales and join the rebel side. The UN said an estimated 2.5 million Syrians have been injured, displaced or face problems securing food or other necessities, a sharp rise from about one million three months ago.

It was the first public statement by Riad Hijab since he left his post and fled to Jordan with his family last week. Hijab is the highest-ranking political figure to defect from Assad's regime.

"The regime is on the verge of collapse, morally and economically, in addition to cracks in the military," Hijab told a news conference in the Jordanian capital, Amman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sanctions lifted

The U.S. is lifting sanctions against Syria's former prime minister after he announced that he is backing rebels fighting Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime. The Treasury Department says because Riyad Hijab is no longer a senior official in the Syrian government, he will no longer be subject to an asset freeze.

Afghanistan

Market bombing marks deadliest day for civilians this year

Police say a motorcycle bomb outside a crowded bazaar in northern Afghanistan has killed at least 10 people, including several children.

The blast brought the death toll to at least 46 in a bloody day for Afghanistan, after as many as 14 suicide bombers were involved in attacks in a southwestern city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'We would welcome help by any country': Iran

Quakes. During official visit to stricken area, Iran government changes tune on aid

In a change of heart, Iran said Tuesday it now welcomes foreign aid for victims of the deadly twin earthquakes that hit the country's northwest over the weekend.

The remarks indicated authorities were struggling to cope with the quakes' aftermath. Critics charged they failed to react quickly enough to help the region along the borders with Azerbaijan and Armenia, where the 6.4- and 6.3-magnitude quakes Saturday killed 306 people and injured more than 3,000.

"We would welcome help by any country," said Iran's parliament speaker, Ali Larijani, during his visit to the earthquake-stricken area on Tuesday.

Iran's government said it has provided shelter for about 50,000 people who lost their homes during the quakes, which have been followed by scores of aftershocks.

A 5.3-magnitude aftershock on Tuesday afternoon jolted the town of Varzaqan again, the semi-official Fars news agency reported. Varzaqan was one of the weekend epicentres.

The Tuesday aftershock quake also rocked Tabriz, the provincial capital, where frightened people poured into streets. No further casualties were reported. Many Tabriz residents have stayed outdoors, some in public parks, since the first tremors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iranians search the ruins of buildings on Sunday after Saturday's earthquake in a village near the city of Varzaqan in northwestern Iran. ALI HAMED HAGHDOUST/MEHR NEWS AGENCY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Deadly protests shut down mine

South Africa. Violence believed to be fuelled by struggles between dominant National Union of Mineworkers and upstart Association of Mineworkers

Armed soldiers patrol the area at the shuttered Lonmin Platinum Mine near Rustenburg, South Africa, on Tuesday, as angry miners protest over poor pay and working conditions. DENIS FARRELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands of angry South African workers met Tuesday on a cliff within sight of their platinum mine shuttered by violent protests, shouting demands for more pay over the roar of circling police and military helicopters.

As authorities pleaded for calm, the men trekked there from the simple hostels and shacks near the Lonmin PLC mine, carrying pipes, clubs and machetes across the barren fields.

As the workers met, the body of a middle-aged man who had been bludgeoned to death was found about 100 metres away. The man appeared to be the 10th person killed at the Lonmin mine in unrest that is gripping South Africa's mining industry.

The rage involves long-time struggles and low pay faced by miners in a nation whose economy depends on cheap labour pulling precious minerals from the ground. A struggle between two labour unions also has been blamed.

The unrest began Friday as some 3,000 workers walked off the job over pay. Those who tried to work Saturday were attacked. On Sunday, a crowd killed two security guards. By Monday, mobs killed two other workers and overpowered police, killing two officers. Officers opened fire, killing three others. Operations appeared to come to a standstill Tuesday as workers stayed away from the mines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Working conditions

Miners left behind in gold rush

Mining helped give birth to modern South Africa, as prospectors and later international companies rushed to find gold, diamonds and other precious metals. Today, South Africa remains one of the world's dominant producers of platinum, gold and chromium.

But miners long have faced low salaries and poor working conditions. Apartheid kept black African workers from more lucrative jobs offered to whites. Though the nation became truly democratic in the 1990s, salaries of black miners remain low.

The Bench Marks Foundation, which monitors mining corporations, criticized Lonmin's operation at Marikana saying workers live in deteriorating shacks without electricity, their children suffer from chronic illnesses brought on by broken pipes spilling raw sewage, and prostitution and alcoholism run rampant.
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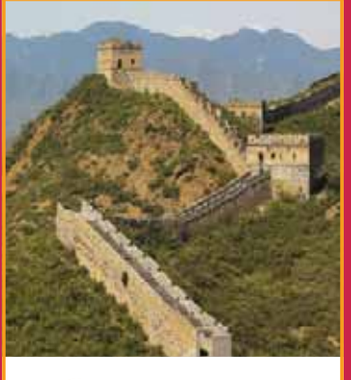
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Google+ switches to snappy addresses

Social-media junkies, vain? Of course not.

But if you're a devoted Facebook or LinkedIn user, chances are you have a so-called "vanity URL," or a short, custom web address for your profile.

Now, Google+ is also appealing to users' narcissism, by switching its unwieldy addresses for snappier ones.

The URLs will first be offered to certain verified users — mostly brands and celebrities — before being rolled out to the public.

The addresses make pages easier to find and more memorable. Previously, Google+ pages were simply assigned a random string of numbers.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CAW wants to share in automakers' rising profits

Union. Canadian Auto Workers meets with top North American automakers to discuss new labour contracts

The Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) said it doesn't expect to regain all of the concessions it made when automakers were struggling during the recession, but it wants to share in the profits now that the industry has rebounded.

"We aren't going in there demanding everything back from 2009," CAW national president Ken Lewenza said Tuesday as the union kicked off contract negotiations with the three big North American automakers.

"We're just saying that we have to find a way to share in the successes that our members have built over many years."

The union met with General Motors Canada on Tuesday morning and with Chrysler Canada in the afternoon. It will meet with Ford Canada on Wednesday. Contracts for workers at all three companies expire Sept. 17. The union made a number of concessions, including to wages, vacation time and cost-of-living payments, to help the ailing automakers during the 2008-09 recession.

Lewenza says the CAW is hoping to make some progress now that the companies are making a profit.

But a Chrysler Canada spokesman warned Tuesday that although the company has returned to profitability, it is not out of the woods.

"Those gains have been modest and it is critical that we not return to an uncompetitive situation," said Todd Bested, Chrysler Canada's director of labour relations.

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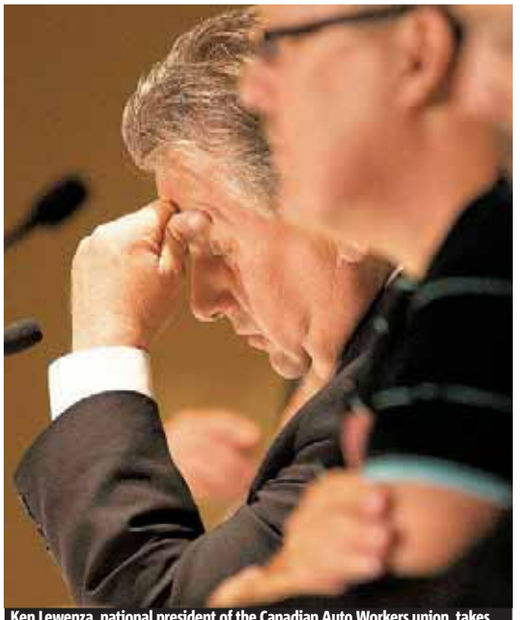
Sacrifices

"The companies have learned to make money even at low volumes. Workers' sacrifices have been a big part of that success."
Ken Lewenza, CAW national president



Ken Lewenza, national president of the Canadian Auto Workers union, takes questions from the media following a meeting to discuss contracts with General Motors in Toronto on Tuesday. It was the first of a series of meetings with the big three automakers. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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If Hugh Hefner is the male, er, face of the sexual revolution, Helen Gurley Brown was its female frontispiece.

I mean, anyone who has breast implants at 73 has earned pride of place in the Sexual Revolution Hall of Fame, just across the aisle from Barry White and two statues down from Madonna (oh wait, Madonna's membership is still pending).

Sadly, while Hefner keeps on ticking like a randy old grandfather clock, Gurley Brown's best-before date has finally expired (exhausted itself?) at the ripe old age of 90.

Obviously, there's something about an active sex life.

For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, gather round. Helen Gurley Brown single-handedly brought 50 per cent of the human population into the modern era by publishing Sex and the Single Girl in 1962. She spent the rest of her considerable life updating the sexual revolution on a monthly basis as the editor of Cosmopolitan, the magazine that promises 30 Things to Do to a Naked Man.

The men of the world should be grateful, at least. Everywhere else, a naked man is usually arrested.

For women, reviews have been mixed. Gurley Brown may not have been the first to acknowledge in public that women have sex when they're not married, but she was certainly the first to promote it gleefully. Feminists saw her as a male-chauvinist plot, counselling women to adopt a kind of strategic subservience to get what they want — especially if what they want are multiple orgasms.

Legacy

"Lots of people did not know how to pronounce 'orgasm' before it (Cosmo) was launched."
One Cosmo editor, quoted in the Guardian

Not that there's anything wrong with that. "Lots of people did not know how to pronounce 'orgasm' before it (Cosmo) was launched," said one Cosmo editor, quoted in the Guardian.

Gurley Brown's real dirty little secret was that her dirty little secret was hard work. Nobody got into the office earlier or left later as she worked her way up from "mouseburger" from Arkansas, super-secretary in L.A., copywriter extraordinaire in L.A. and New York, and then to Cosmo, where she reigned supreme from 1965 until she stepped down (sort of) in 1997.

Along the way she attracted millions of readers looking for 75 ways to pleasure a man or look at Burt Reynolds naked. I have to admit, I looked at Reynolds naked, but was disappointed because he wasn't really naked — he didn't take off his toupée.

Gurley Brown didn't have any children; she considered them competitors for attention. But she did spawn a generation of magazine editors, male as well as female, who work harder than anyone else to enumerate experience (37 Ways to Pound Sand!) on the covers of their magazines.

Finally, she left the best motto: "Good girls go to heaven, bad girls go everywhere."

Wherever she's gone, I'll bet it's hot.

Long before Carrie Bradshaw was drinking cosmos, Helen Gurley Brown, pictured, defined sex and the single girl as editor of Cosmo. GEORGE DE SOTA/NEWSMAKERS

Cold cuts to sink your body into

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Hamming it up

'Deli meats' tickle funny bone

Vegetarian Silvia Wald puts a cloth ham on the sales counter of her shop Aufschnitt (German for cold cuts) in Berlin on Tuesday. Wald, an engineer in clothing technology, started in 2009 to design meat products from cotton stretch velvet, Lycra, wool or micro fibre with a realistic look.
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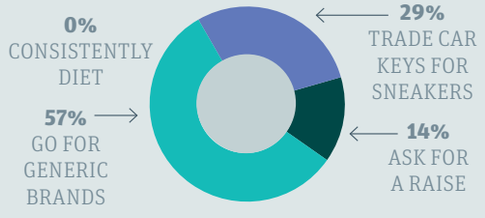

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Whitney Houston stars in Sparkle in another movie that features a posthumous performance. HANDOUT

After their light fades out

Posthumous praise. Houston's role in Sparkle isn't the only star to have a movie come out after their sudden death

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Sparkle actress Tika Sumpter says the movie "adds another diamond" to the legend of Whitney Houston. The film, a remake of a 1976 picture of the same name, stars the late singer in her final role.

The movie, in which she plays the single mother of a musical prodigy, was being heralded as her comeback, but instead is her swansong. She passed away in February, the result of an accidental drowning in the bathtub of her Beverly Hilton hotel room.

Houston's co-star Jordan Sparks said, "She lights up the screen, and you can just tell she's so full of joy to be doing this."

Houston is not the first performer to earn posthumous praise for a film role. In 2008 Heath Ledger won an Academy Award for his performance as the Joker in The Dark Knight, released after his January, 2008 death from accidental prescription drug overdose.

River Phoenix, another actor cut down at the height of his popularity, didn't live to see his final completed film Silent Tongue, a movie described as "a haunting tale of love, death and shame in the Old West." Dark Blood, the film Phoenix was just 11 days away from finishing when he overdosed in front of the Viper Room in Los Angeles, was thought lost to time, but has recently been resurrected and will debut in September at the Netherlands Film Festival.

Old Hollywood also saw its share of tragic ends and last performances.

The 1930s superstar Jean Harlow died of renal failure while filming Saratoga. Instead of replacing her, MGM used three doubles (one for close-ups, another for long shots and a third for dubbing the actress's lines) and rejigged the story. The salvaged movie became MGM's biggest hit of 1937.

Gary Cooper's last film, The Naked Edge, released a month after his death wasn't as well received.

Despite Cooper's best efforts — his cancer required that he take frequent oxygen breaks — the thriller was a flop.

The Misfits

The Misfits was also a bomb, but is best remembered as the final completed film for two superstars.

- **Heart attack.** Clark Gable didn't live to see it; he suffered a heart attack two days after wrapping and died soon afterwards. Marilyn Monroe saw it but reportedly hated the movie and her performance.
- **Another.** Chris Farley, John Candy and Phil Hartman passed before their final films, Dirty Work, Wagon's East and Small Soldiers, hit theatres, but left behind a legacy of laughter.

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Organizational Behavior

SYLLABUS: THE OFFICE, SEASON 1-7

At its Windsor knotted core, the study of organizational behaviour essentially boils down to getting the most productivity out of your employees and a subset of that is keeping them happy and motivated. The two are meant to go hand in hand but during Michael Scott's tenure as regional manager of the Scranton branch of Dunder Mifflin he focused solely on the latter often at the expense of the former. Despite his innumerable ineptitudes and his immense shortcomings as a boss, Scott sincerely cares for the welfare of his team members and as a result, when push comes to shove they will often rally behind him. Lesson: Effective leadership can come from a very defective leader.

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SYLLABUS: SEASON 1 OF MAD MEN

AMC's Golden Globe juggling series may take place in the 1960s but the golden age of Madison Avenue's mass persuasion trade can still illuminate, and the show's debut season was packed with nuggets. In "The Wheel," Don Draper pitches Kodak by flipping through his own family photos on their slide-projector. "This is not a spaceship, it's a time machine," he explains. "It goes backwards and forwards, and it takes us to a place where we ache to go again. It's not called 'The Wheel... it's called 'The Carousel.' It lets us travel around and around and back home again." Welling up with emotion, his colleague Harry Crane has to leave the room. Lesson: The best way to sell is by telling a great story.

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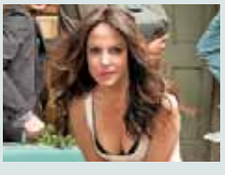

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Nancy Botwin, everybody's favourite pot dealing mom, is a shrewd self-starter who knows how to move product. The entire Botwin clan is nothing if not resilient, surviving a litany of predatory competitors and operational restructurings during their tumultuous adventures. Middle son Shane's street smarts extend well beyond the family biz. On a recent episode, the police academy cadet gets caught writing two of his classmates' essays for them. When his instructor asks him to fork over the cash he was paid, Shane senses an angle. "Can't we work something out, this isn't the last assignment you're going to give, is it?" he asks. "Well, you're going to do just fine in the NYPD aren't you," the instructor responds conspiratorially. Lesson: Lurking behind every problem is an opportunity.

Ramsay aims to rehab resorts on Hotel Hell

New TV show.
Celebrity chef trying to raise the standard of the hospitality industry with his blunt brand of business strategies

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Gordon Ramsay brings his brand of blunt advice to hotels everywhere. HANDOUT

Kitchen Nightmares host Gordon Ramsay's new renovation reality show will make you think twice about staying at a hotel ever again.

In Hotel Hell, the celebrity chef steps out of the kitchen and into some bed-and-breakfasts and resorts in desperate need of overhaul.

The problems range from an unwillingness to change business strategies during a slow economy to — gross-out alert — finding a duvet cover that hadn't been cleaned for 18 months.

"It's so obvious what's wrong," Ramsay says of the hotels he visits in the new Fox series, which is now airing. "I don't think common sense becomes that common in those scenarios. That's the frustrating part."

Ramsay swears he didn't travel to these hotels "to create havoc" — though he uses his trademark bluntness to point out flaws, which rubs some hotel owners the wrong way.

"I went in there to position it in a way that they have to be responsible," Ramsay insists.

And some standards, it seems, have dropped appallingly low.

"The shock for me ... was the general hygiene," Ramsay says. "If you had a dentist appointment tomorrow morning and you were going for a filling or a polish, you would see that unique space spotless. I think kitchens and hotel rooms and bathrooms should be exactly the same. The biggest worry across the whole series was the states of the pillowcases. Remove the pillowcases, flash the black light in there for 30 seconds, and I was horrified. I mean literally horrified — and I'm talking about some very expensive hotels."

On the series, Ramsay's intervention may be the hotels' last chance to stay in business. But in a broader context, he says, consumers too can play a part in bettering the hospitality industry.

"I don't think, as a nation, we complain enough," Ramsay says. "We need to demand either our money back or a credit rating (after a bad stay) so we can return there for a much better experience. In order for the industry to get better and the hospitality sector to raise its game, then we need to complain more."

Final thoughts

Ramsay has important advice for couples looking for a romantic getaway.

- **Quote.** "If you get there and they suggest they're going to upgrade you to the honeymoon suite: Don't take it," Ramsay says. "I'm trying to be serious, because it is somewhat ... not just shocking — personally, I didn't think it could shoot that far."
- **He adds a final thought, deliberately remaining vague to offer a PG explanation.** "Um, I'm talking about if you shake a can of Coke and open it."

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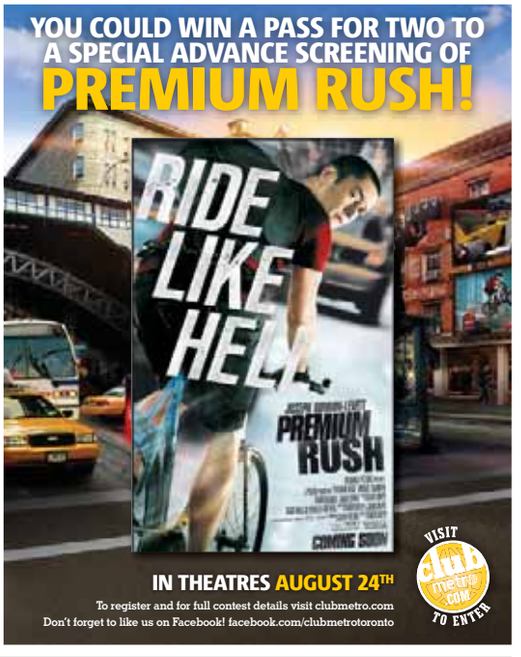
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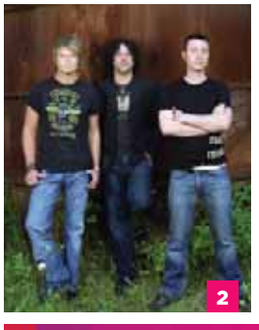
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Reggae night in Canada

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After the success of the inaugural inTO event, the Living Room Jam, the cultural curators at Sceneopolis were hard pressed to find a collection of artists to top it. So they decided to combine the soul of the island nation of Jamaica with local artists for Ah Sey One: A Reggae Insiders' Musical Journey.

Hosted by Cameron Bailey, a reggae aficionado and artistic director of the Toronto International Film Festival, Ah Sey One will celebrate and explore the history of the Reggae movement. It is timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Jamaica's independence.

The inTO series is notable for its ability to radically rethink the concept of a concert. With only 100 attendees, the inTO experience is less reactive and more interactive. Ah Sey One will feature the Sattalites, two-time Juno-Award-winners, as well as Brendan Canning, a member of Broken Social Scene, in a conversation about the history of the Reggae movement led by Bailey. Even those with minimal knowledge of reggae will be easily entertained by this combination of music and experience.

Ah Sey One takes place on Wednesday August 29th at Harlem Restaurant. Tickets, which include island themed food and drink, are only $49 for Sceneopolis subscribers and $69 for non-subscribers.

Ah Sey One is the second event of the monthly series, which aims to let those in the know experience Toronto's culture in a way that money can't buy. Future events will continue to bring together musicians and artists, with notable members of Toronto's arts and culture scenes to create a lively dialogues between creators and audiences.

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Movie review

Odd Life is oddly unbalanced

The Odd Life of Timothy Green

Director. Peter Hedges,

Genre. Drama

The Odd Life of Timothy Green is a little fantasy about a peculiar kid who literally climbs out of the garden one night after a married couple write out the characteristics they seek in a son. It would be a promising premise for a children's book but as a film, this comic-drama falls like the inexplicable leaves shedding from the mysterious kid's ankles. With deliberate sincerity, the movie deals with mature themes of death and identity but there isn't much fun to balance it out. **STEVE GOW**

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The Word

Aniston expands her wedding guest list

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Although he's been engaged to Jennifer Aniston for less than a week, Justin Theroux is already proving to be quite the family man. After years of estrangement, he's convinced Aniston to add her mother, Nancy Dow, to the wedding guest list.

"Justin comes from a tight-knit family, who he is very close to. He preaches family values to Jennifer and he said to her he'd love a private, low-key ceremony with all their family members present," a source tells RadarOnline.

Aniston didn't invite Dow to her wedding to Brad Pitt in 2000 — which was only one year after Dow released an unwelcome book about her daughter — but the actress has since softened her stance.

"She agreed, said she'd forgiven her mom for her past discrepancies and that Nancy should be a guest at her second wedding," the source tells Radar. Is it a nice gesture? We guess. But this is like getting left out of the beach trip, then invited to the sandy drive home.

'That's life' — Gibson not expecting forgiveness

While many wonder if Hollywood will forgive Mel Gibson for his outbursts over the last few years, the actor himself isn't holding his breath. "I don't even think they're vindictive. I don't think they think there's reason to forgive," he tells ComingSoon.Net. "It is kind of ridiculous. It's kind of hard to pinpoint exactly what needs to be forgiven, and I don't consider that anything does because I didn't hurt anyone." Others may beg to differ, including ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva and writer Joe Esztherhas, who taped one of Gibson's tirades after their work on a screenplay fell apart. "That's life," Gibson says of the incident. "It ain't easy and it's not fair. You've just got to slip the old water off the back and move on."

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The Spice Girls

Posh Spice skips out on Olympic after-party

After their reunion on stage at the Olympics closing ceremony, the Spice Girls decided to keep the get-together going — minus one member — as they hit up George Michael's after-party, according to Hollyscoop.

"They really enjoyed all being back together," a source says, noting that Victoria Beckham decided to skip out on the revelry. "She did not go back out and so it was just the other four girls.

Everyone was a little disappointed that she did not come out to celebrate after."

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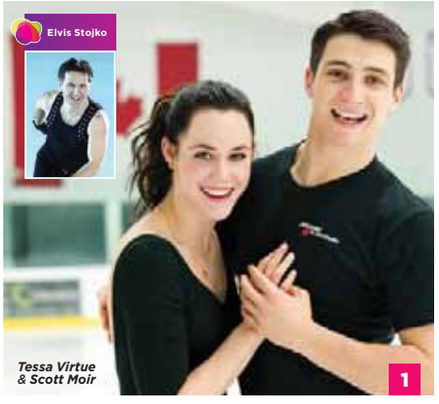

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Don't be afraid of the bats! ISTOCK

1 Calvera, Temple of Doom

According to local lore, shipwrecked Spanish conquistadors met their watery graves here as human sacrifices to the rain god Chac. While it's not as booby-trapped as the one in the Indiana Jones film, it is as unsettling from the outset with ominously positioned cutouts in the roof of the cave resembling eye sockets. Then there's the ten-foot plunge into the mouth of the calvera (Spanish for skull) before hitting water. Once inside the underwater chamber overhead, a layer of fruit bats — also known as megabats will have your Spidey-sense tingling. Open water scuba diver certification is a must to explore the depths of this murky cavern.

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2 Gordo Banks

If you're an experienced advanced diver and can handle the deep stuff (the shallowest part of this seamount lies under 130 feet of water), it's well worth the 13-kilometre boat ride from the coast of San Jose del Cabo. While the underwater mountain's lunar-like landscape is worth the trip alone, the highlight reel of this dive for many intrepid divers will be studying schooling hammerhead sharks, making eyes at manta rays and miming "en garde" at a passing swordfish. Live versions of familiar seafood plate in Tuna and snappers will also likely find their way into the frame of many of your underwater photographs.

3 Isla Mujeres

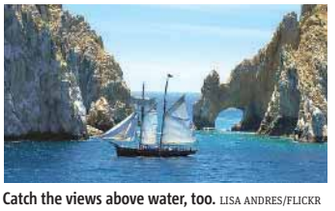
A 13-kilometre swim from the beaches of Cancun, the Island of Women, a 650-metre wide sliver of an island, isn't just for hormonal college kids who took the municipality's names a tad too literally. This Isla offers a wide variety of dive sites to satisfy the full spectrum of diving tastes. Beginners can play a Seussical game of one fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish while ogling the vibrant sea life at Manchones Reef. Also, wreck divers exploring the 100-foot deep Ultrafreeze are an additional bonus. The cargo ship's iron and metal haul is a magnet for baitfish and so the bigger guys on the fish food chain including dolphins and barracudas often feed here. Meanwhile, art lovers can take in the Cancun Underwater Museum off the island's western coast. Eco-sculptor Jason de Caires Taylor's stunning 450-piece underwater statue garden is a synergy of art and conservation. The statues are made of pH-neutral cement to promote the growth of coral reef.

A jaunt from Cancun's beaches sits this island SARUNAS BURDULIS/FLICKR

Dive sites abound off of Cozumel. ISTOCK

4 Paradise Reef

If you're transitioning from snorkeling to scuba this shallow reef 200 yards from Cozumel's western coast is a great place to earn your neutral buoyancy cred. While envious shore snorkellers spy the coral from a distance, you'll be able to get up close and personal with the colourful plankton catchers. Be sure to keep a lookout for spotted moray eels and sea horses. If you're not afraid to swim in the dark, Paradise Reef is a very popular night dive spot. Dive sites abound along the Mesoamerican barrier reef system which extends beyond Mexico's Caribbean coast into Belize, Guatemala and Honduras. It's the second largest in the world, behind Australia's Great Barrier Reef.



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Containing one of the largest concentration of petroglyphs (native rock carvings) in North America, this provincial park is also an active sacred site for First Nations people.

No one knows for sure when the Algonquian people carved the more than 900 symbols onto the massive crystalline marble slab, now protected in a large glass building constructed around the rock. Experts date the carvings, which include human figures as well as snakes, turtles, and other animals, at somewhere between 600 and 1,100 years old. Park interpreters can help identify some of the carvings and share ideas about their traditional meanings.

Before you head for the petroglyphs, go first to the Learning Place Visitor Centre, where all visitors must register. Watch a 20-minute film about the site and its history, then have a look at the exhibits about the region's aboriginal traditions.

On several evenings in July and August, park staff run a special 90-minute light show, in which the glyphs are illuminated and become more visible than they are during the day.

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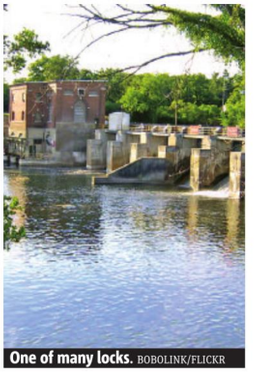
Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site



One of many locks. BOBOLINK/FLICKR

Since at least 9000 B.C., aboriginal people have traversed the network of interconnected lakes and waterways across Ontario. When the European fur traders arrived in the 17th century, they, too, used these water routes to explore and trade. In the 1800s, settlers lobbied for an inland canal in the hope to make water travel easier and to gain access to markets across what is now Ontario.

The first lock on this waterway was built in 1833 at the town of Bobcaygeon in the Kawarthas region; by the 1880s, additional locks made it possible to travel smoothly through several of the Kawartha Lakes. Steamboats began plying the lakes, opening the area to tourism. New lakeside resorts and cottage colonies catered to the growing number of visitors. Though the invention of the automobile led to the decline of steamship travel in the 1900s, the Kawartha Lakes region continued to develop as a holiday destination.

Today, the Trent-Severn Waterway, with a system of more than 40 locks, connects Lake Ontario with Georgian Bay, running for 386 kilometers (241 miles) across central Ontario. Recreational boaters are the waterway's primary users.

Peterborough's Lock 21, which opened along the waterway in 1904, is the highest hydraulic lift lock in the world; rising 19.8 metres (65 feet), it's essentially an elevator for boats. You can learn more about the lock and the waterway system at the Peterborough Lift Lock Visitor Centre (Hunter St. E. at Ashburnham Dr., (705) 750-4950, pc.gc.ca/trent, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily July–Aug., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily mid-May–June and Sept.–mid-Oct.).

To see the Trent-Severn Waterway from the water, take a two-hour sightseeing cruise with Liftlock Cruises (Little Lake Peterborough Marina, George St., (705) 742-9912 or (888) 535-4670, liftlockcruises.com, daily mid-May–mid-Oct., call for seasonal schedules; adults $19.50, seniors and students $17.50, kids 4–13 $10).

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Warsaw Caves Conservation Area

If you're claustrophobic, you might want to skip the Warsaw Caves (289 Caves Rd., Warsaw, (705) 652-3161 or (877) 816-7604, warsawcaves.com, caves daily mid-Apr.–Nov.; park and campground daily mid-May–mid-Oct.; $10/vehicle), a series of seven narrow caverns formed in the limestone bedrock. But if you — or your kids — enjoy underground exploring, you can climb, slither, and crawl through these caves that range in size from 40 metres (130 feet) to 91 metres (300 feet) long. While you don't need technical climbing skills, you do need to climb over and around the rocks and scoot through narrow passageways — it's like an underground jungle gym. Kids younger than eight or nine may find the caves difficult or frightening, but adventurous older ones should enjoy exploring them.

There's no light in the caves, so you'll need a flashlight — a headlamp is best to keep your hands free (purchase one at the gatehouse if you don't have your own). Wear sturdy shoes and clothes that can get dirty or wet, since you will get dirty, and don't enter the caves alone. Ask at the gatehouse for the park's Spelunkers' Guide, which gives tips for tackling each of the caves.

Warsaw Caves park. ECOCOMMISH/FLICKR

The conservation area also has several short hiking trails, including one that leads to the Disappearing River, a quirk of nature in which the Indian River disappears into the limestone, reemerging further downstream. Beyond this underground section, the Indian River is typically a placid place to canoe. Rentals are available ($8.50/hour, two-hour minimum, $34/day).

The caves are 25 kilometres (15 miles) northeast of Peterborough via County Road 4.

Cobourg

Like nearby Port Hope, the town of Cobourg has a historic downtown district, and it also has a pretty, sandy beach, just a short stroll from the town center. Before you get too sandy, though, wander along King Street and take a peek into the stately Victoria Hall (55 King St. W., 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Mon–Fri, 1–4 p.m. Sat.), built in 1860. The courtroom on the first floor is a replica of London's Old Bailey. On the top floor is the Art Gallery of Northumberland (905/372-0333, artgalleryofnorthumberland.com, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tues–Fri, 1–4 p.m. Sat, admission by donation), which shows contemporary works.

The Town of Cobourg Business and Tourism Centre (212 King St. W., 905/372-5481 or 888/262-6874, cobourgtourism.ca) can tell you more about what's happening around town.

Cobourg is off Highway 401, 120 kilometres (75 miles) east of Toronto. VIA Rail (888/842-7245, viarail.com) trains stop in Cobourg (563 Division St.) en route between Toronto (1.25–1.5 hours, one-way adults $30–40, seniors $25–36, students $28, kids 2–11 $15–20) and Kingston (1.25–1.5 hours, one-way adults $43–59, seniors $37–53, students $41, kids 2–11 $21–29).

Cobourg's stately Victoria Hall is worth a visit. BOBOLINK/FLICKR

Check out beautiful Port Hope. BOBOLINK/FLICKR

Port Hope

Port Hope's draw is its historic downtown district, where many of the well-preserved buildings date to the late 1800s. Wander along Walton Street, where you can browse in the boutiques, antique shops, and bookstores, or hang out in one of the cafes. You might check what's happening at the Capitol Theatre (20 Queen St., 905/885-1071, capitoltheatre.com), a restored 1930s theatre that hosts plays, concerts, and films. You can also pick up a brochure outlining self-guided walking or driving tours of the historic district at the Municipality of Port Hope Tourism Office (20 Queen St., 905/885-2004 or 888/767-8467, porthopetourism.ca). Port Hope is 100 kilometers (60 miles) east of Toronto, just off Highway 401. It's just over an hour's ride on VIA Rail (888/842-7245, viarail.com, one-way adults $24–33, seniors $21–30, students $23, kids 2–11 $12–17) to Port Hope Station (Hayward St.).

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A day at the amusement park is almost a rite of passage for Canadian kids before they'll even think about going back to school. Luckily there's great ones scattered across the country that promise big thrills and embarrassing roller coaster photographs. So grab your sunscreen and comfortable shoes and head out to one of these five hot spots.

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4 great Canadian amusement parks

Canada's Wonderland

It may compete with African Lion Safari and Marineland but this Vaughan, Ont., theme park is king for its thrill rides, water park, live entertainment and other attractions. This year's newest roller coaster, Leviathan, features a 306-foot climb, 80-degree drop and reaches a neck-breaking speed of 148 kilometres per hour. Also new to the park is the Dinosaurs Alive! attraction, which features 40 life-sized prehistoric creatures. Admission is $57.99 for adults and $33.99 for juniors.

Wonderland's newest roller coaster is Leviathan. CHRIS!!!/FLICKR

Calaway park boasts 32 rides. TREC_LIT/FLICKR

Calaway Park

The Vortex roller coaster will make you scream, the carousel will make you feel like a kid again and the illusionist show will make you believe in magic. The largest outdoor family amusement park in Western Canada, this Calgary, Alberta attraction has been entertaining families since it opened in 1982 and now boasts 32 rides. Regular admission is $33.95 or $27 for juniors. A family of four is $89.

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La Ronde

The second largest theme park in Canada, this Montreal attraction is a member of the Six Flags family. Thrill-seekers can put their nerves to the test on roller coasters Vertigo or Vampire while families with small children may opt for tamer rides such as Air Papillon (butterfly). The price for general admission is $49.99 at the gate, while juniors under 54 inches are $36.99.

Put your nerves to the test on La Ronde's roller coasters. THE_ANTI_PAUL/FLICKR

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Galaxyland

Located inside the ever-popular West Edmonton Mall, Galaxyland features 24 rides and play areas. It's a destination for the entire family as adults can shop and kids can run wild at the amusement park or World Waterpark, which has an indoor wave pool and 17 waterslides. General admission to Galaxyland is $36.95 and $30.95 for people under 48 inches tall.

Galaxyland has 24 rides for all the family. JASONPARIS/FLICKR

Raiding attic turns into a Capitol idea

New York history. The Capitol's artifacts are pulled out of storage and put on display, offering visitors a glimpse of the past

New York's Capitol has been the workplace of future U.S. presidents, U.S. Supreme Court justices, premier thinkers and even scoundrels. Now the statehouse is telling some of its long-hidden tales by filling its hallways with artifacts that are drawing thousands of visitors.

The newly displayed pieces of Americana include a 1762 slave bill of sale, early abolitionist decrees, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's massively stretched Lincoln Continental from the Mad Men era, and a curious chunk of old iron: A three-foot link from Gen. George Washington's defence system, which strung a quarter-mile chain across the Hudson River at West Point to stop British ships during the Revolutionary War.

In less than a year, marble halls that for most of their 130 years had been used simply as routes between offices have been transformed into a museum. Every few steps, slices of American and state history give even veterans of these hallways pause.

It's a fitting new role for the cavernous Capitol, which has hosted many U.S. presidents and other important figures — including at least one after death. A marker shows U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant's body was viewed in state after he died in upstate New York.

For decades, most of the artifacts were boxed in a warehouse in neighbouring Schenectady County or stored in climate-controlled cabinets in the state archives. But in the last year, New York has raided its attic.

Now the eclectic collection is on display. The artifacts include an iron dumbbell-like device shot from cannons in the days of tall ships, a 1966 Harley-Davidson motorcycle used by state police, Benedict Arnold's treason papers and documents related to important programs created by Govs. Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt before they became presidents. There also items from key moments in the women's rights and labour movements.

The artifacts can be seen in regular tours of the Capitol or, as thousands of visitors are increasingly doing, by wandering through the working statehouse. Detailed signs are augmented by audio explanations that can be heard by cellphone.

"It's really beautiful, from the classic cars to the Assembly hall," said Deepak Dhungana, 38, of Sydney, Australia, who was visiting family in Albany. "There's a sense of freedom. You can go anywhere."

He and his family were admiring a 1924 Ford truck, the first model the company offered with an open pickup truck design. Behind them, on the underground concourse of the Empire State Plaza that connects to the Capitol, was a long, blue 1931 Pierce-Arrow limousine. Also lining the halls is a longtime permanent exhibit that art historians have called the greatest collection of modern art outside a museum, all collected by Rockefeller.

Dhungana's sister, Arati Pathak, said the historic artifacts fit right in.

"It's a kind of visual art," said Pathak, 31, of Dallas. "It's beautiful. Why not display it?"

Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered the dusting off of these items. He wants New York's rich history to remind Americans of the Empire State's critical role in the past and to inspire New Yorkers to cut a similar path for the future.

The free exhibit is intended to reveal history, unvarnished and directly, and it succeeds.

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A wagon used during the suffrage movement on display. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Old documents remind visitors of New York's rich history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

My favourite place in Canada. Bears, belugas and bulldogs: Daily Planet's Ziya Tong loves Seal River, Manitoba

I'm face down in murky green water, my ankles are tied to a rope and I'm being dragged behind the wake of a speedboat. Sounds like a scene right out of a mafia flick, but with my snorkel gear on, I'm actually having a ridiculously good time singing underwater with over 50,000 migrating beluga whales.

My pick for Canada's top-secret travel destination? Seal River, Northern Manitoba. Before this summer, I probably wouldn't have pegged Manitoba as "exotic" either, but after joining a beluga tagging expedition with Oceans North in July, I was stunned to see wildlife migrations that rival the Serengeti in our own backyard. If you're up for a rugged adventure, this is an arctic hotspot. Seal River Heritage Lodge sits at the edge of the estuaries, and offers a comfortable and rustic setting with fantastic home-cooked food. And forget hotel doormen, when you walk outside here you get a guide with flares and a shotgun. There are polar bears on the doorstep, remember. Beyond the belugas and the bears, I would be remiss to not mention the other visiting guests. For about a month each year, the horseflies are so rampant that they even live up to their nickname: bulldogs. But if you have adventure in your blood, it's worth losing a few ounces to the suckers. In the summer, there's the beauty of the midnight sun, and I'm pretty sure they'll have checked out when I return for the Northern Lights in the winter.

Find wildlife migrations that rival the Serengeti in Seal River. TRAVEL MANITOBA

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Mediterranean goes fruity with watermelon-topped Greek pita

Not only are these Greek Pita Flatbreads easy to prepare, but they are also healthy and satisfying.

In this recipe, watermelon replaces traditional toppings, providing a unique, refreshing taste.

Remember, the fruit is 90 per cent water, making this dish very juicy.

These pitas are most ideal for a quick afternoon snack or to serve tapas-style at a summer gathering in your backyard.

1. Spread 15 ml (1 tbsp) tzatziki on each of the four whole-wheat pitas.

2. Dividing all of the ingredients, top each pita evenly with cooked and sliced chicken breast, chopped watermelon, chopped cucumber, sliced red onion, crumbled feta cheese, pitted olives and cracked black pepper.

3. Garnish the top of each pita with fresh oregano and a wedge of lemon. Serve them immediately.

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Ingredients

- 4 whole-wheat pitas (15-cm/6-inches in diameter)
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) prepared tzatziki sauce
- 2 chicken breasts (each 175 g/6 oz), cooked and sliced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) chopped watermelon
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped English cucumber
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sliced red onion
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) crumbled feta cheese
- 12 kalamata olives, pitted
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) black pepper, cracked
- Fresh oregano leaves
- Lemon wedges

Greek Pita Flatbread

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Drink of the Week

Canadian take on Latin-American drink

- 1 muskmelon or 1 l (4 cups), strawberries or raspberries
- 375 to 500 ml (1 1/2 to 2 cups) cold water
- 30 to 45 ml (2 to 3 tbsp) lime juice
- 15 to 30 ml (1 to 2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- Melon cubes, for garnish

Peel and seed muskmelon. Cut into chunks and measure out 1 l (4 cups). Place in food processor and purée along with 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) water. Place sieve over bowl. Using back of ladle and pressing in circular motion, press fruit through. Stir in 30 ml (2 tbsp) of lime juice and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of sugar. Add more water if mixture is too thick (it should be thin). Add additional lime juice or sugar, if needed. Refrigerate and serve very cold. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ WATERMELON.ORG

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Management experience is a valuable asset, particularly if you're looking for an entry-level job.

Regardless of your area of expertise, a position as a manager indicates to prospective employers that you can be trusted with authority and are capable of maintaining a big-picture perspective while tending to particulars.

However, getting this experience can be a bumpy ride, particularly in the seasonal and part time positions where students and recent graduates usually achieve management roles.

You might find yourself in charge of people significantly older than you, or former co-workers who had their eyes on your job. The following advice should help you stay afloat as you set sail in your management role.

Manage yourself

If you manage a group of individuals who already understand the full scope of their responsibilities (like a retail store, for example), you'll be able to provide a minimal amount of direction, reducing the likelihood of tension or misunderstanding.

In a more collaborative workplace, you'll need to provide oversight without interfering with group dynamics.

In either case, try and take a step back from your position of authority and allow employees to fill that space. Encourage as much communication and discussion as is appropriate. Any decisions that employees can make through group consensus should be left to their discretion.

Outline roles

Some workplaces assign duties informally, teaching each employee his or her responsibilities through word of mouth. This can lead to tension when unexpected tasks arise.

If possible, formalize existing responsibilities in writing as a group.

This practice will hopefully encourage open discussion and collaboration when the unexpected happens, as well as ensuring all employees are familiar with each other's responsibilities.

It will also help ensure that no one can accuse you of sloughing unpleasant tasks onto one particular person you "don't like."

Reinforce the chain of command

Just as your staff answer to you, you're accountable to a higher-up. While you don't want to undermine your authority, make sure that your employees are aware of your role as part of a chain of command.

Frame team objectives not only in terms of tasks–be sure to emphasize long-term goals as dictated to you from above.

Don't be afraid to admit to your team when you'll need to pass their questions up the chain. It's better to be honest about the limits of your knowledge than risk moving outside your authority.

Cut the social stuff

If your staff are a sociable bunch, post-work gatherings can be a tightrope you have to cross.

People let off steam outside of work by saying things that they can't say at work. You don't want to overhear anything that might impact your ability to do your job professionally and above reproach.

At the same time, refusing to take any part in staff gatherings will make you seem unfriendly and aloof, and impact on morale and communication at work.

Try and walk a fine middle ground. Attend social events infrequently and avoid joining impromptu plans. When you go, stay long enough to talk to everyone briefly. Be neither the life of the party nor a wet blanket. Leave quietly, not furtively.

Accept the inevitable

As with any endeavor, you won't become a perfect manager overnight — it takes hard work:

- Be prepared to make mistakes, despite your best efforts.
- Accept that some people won't like your decisions.
- Push yourself to learn from this experience, but don't expect it to be smooth sailing.
- With luck, your first management position in a part time or entry level job will be the start of a lifelong learning process.

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How to please the new big cheese

Welcome to the team! Make the very best of a boss switch

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Unsure about the new boss? Open conversation and transparency will work well on both sides to create a strong working relationship. ISTOCK

Many students and recent grads look to their managers to set the tone for their current and future working relationships.

There is comfort in having worked for a manager for a long period of time — they understand the way you think, they have trust in your abilities, and they know the best way to coach and encourage you. So how do you start all over again when you get a new manager? It's a scary time, but also a great opportunity to grow your skills and be challenged by a new perspective.

It's very important for student and entry-level employees to be open, build credibility, and want the new reporting line to work.

Here are some tips if you have a new manager.

Set things up

If possible, speak with your current manager about the transition they are completing with your new manager before it takes place. If you had an open relationship with your previous manager, you can help shape this discussion by highlighting key things that really work in your current relationship.

If your current manager is unable to have a transition with your new manager, take matters into your own hands.

Put together a "get to know me" email with your job description, org chart of your team (if applicable), previous performance review, and current targets and goals. Book a meeting with your new manager to get to know each other, walk through your current workload and review your goals.

Come in open minded

Your new manager is going to likely operate differently, so you should seek to understand their perspective. Don't make snap judgments.

Ask questions

This is tied to not making quick decisions or judgments. Ask questions to seek understanding about changes your new manager is making if they aren't giving you the rationale or background.

Deliver results

Delivering results with a great attitude is the best way to will build your personal credibility with a new manager.

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MLB

Catcher Mathis earns extension in Toronto

The Toronto Blue Jays have signed catcher Jeff Mathis to a two-year deal, $3 million US contract extension, the club announced Tuesday.

The deal includes $1.5 million club option for the 2015 season.

Mathis, 29, is batting .215 with nine doubles, six home runs and 19 RBIs in 46 games with Toronto this year.

In 38 starts this season he has committed just one error in 305 total chances.

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CFL

Argos strike deal with receiver drafted in 2011

The Toronto Argonauts signed receiver Julian Feoli-Gudino on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old native of Costa Rica, who grew up in Montreal, was Toronto's fifth-round pick, 38th overall, in the 2011 CFL Canadian college draft out of Laval. He took part in the Argos' rookie camp this summer before sustaining a leg injury.

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CFL

"I'm always open and very blunt and I think that ruffled the feathers of some people."

Cory Boyd in Edmonton on Tuesday, trying to determine why he was released from the Toronto Argonauts. The running back agreed to terms with the Eskimos late Sunday night just hours after the Argos' decision to release Boyd, twice a 1,000-yard runner with the club and the league's rushing leader this season who was on pace for more than 1,300 yards.

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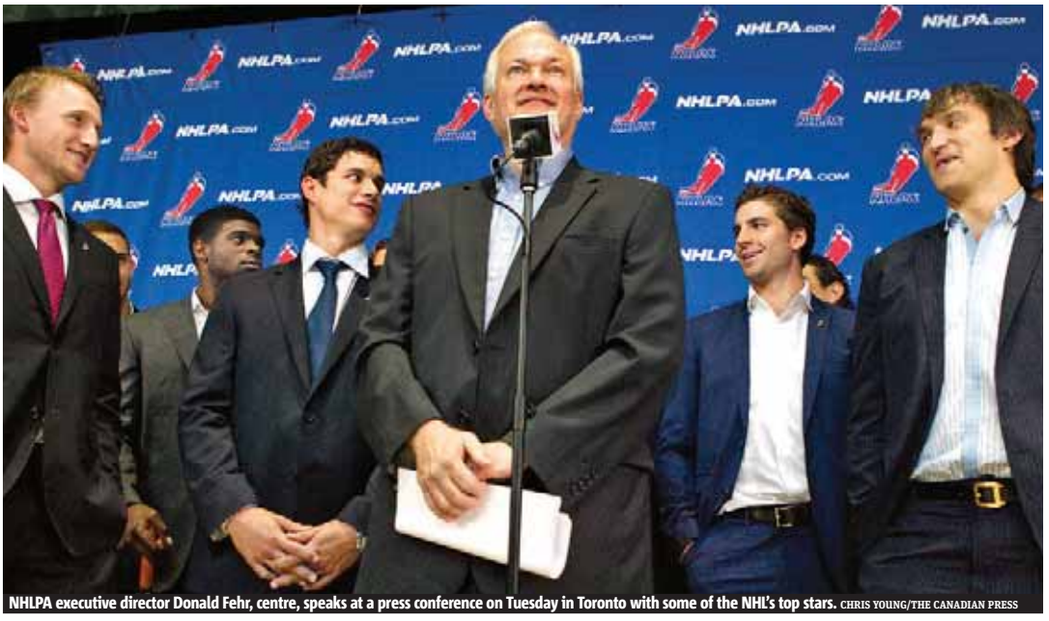

NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr, centre, speaks at a press conference on Tuesday in Toronto with some of the NHL's top stars. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Players willing to take less in new CBA

NHL. NHLPA's offer designed to produce 'a stable industry,' says union head Fehr

League's take

An NHL proposal tabled last month called for a significant decrease for players in revenue share by introducing new contract restrictions, including a five-year cap on deals.

- Commissioner Gary Bettman said he hopes to continue talks Wednesday.
- "It's clear to me that they didn't put (the counter-offer) together in an hour or two.... We're going to need to take a little bit of time to evaluate it," Bettman said.

As it tabled its first offer in the latest round of NHL labour talks, the NHL Players' Association presented itself as a partner looking to help fix the league's problems — but not one willing to bear all the burden.

Flanked by superstars Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin, NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr said Tuesday the union's offer includes a smaller percentage of revenues for players and an expanded revenue-sharing program to help struggling teams.

"We do believe that the proposal the players made today, once implemented, can produce a stable industry ... that can give us a chance to move beyond the recurring labour strife that has plagued the NHL the last two decades," said Fehr.

By the union's calculations, the deal could see players give up as much as $465 million US in revenue if the league continues to grow at an average rate for the next three seasons.

The proposal includes delinking the salary cap from hockey-related revenue and setting a fixed rate — increasing by two per cent for the first year, four per cent for the second and six per cent for the third.

Afterwards, the players would hold an option to have the fourth year revert back to the current system, where they are entitled to receive 57 per cent of all revenues.

The NHLPA's belief is that owners would pocket more profits over the first three years of the deal, some of which could be dispersed to struggling franchises in an effort to strengthen the league overall.

"I like it a lot," Crosby said of the proposal. "I think, as Don said, it's addressing the issues that the league has. (We're) making sure as players that we do our part to help those (struggling) teams out, but also holding the teams accountable.

"At the end of the day, it's going to take both (sides) to do that."

The current CBA expires Sept. 15 and the NHL has said there will be a lockout if a new agreement isn't in place by then. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

As Canada's Olympians return home, another crop of athletes is heading to London. The Canadian Paralympic team was officially named Tuesday during a send-off at Pearson airport. Some 145 athletes will suit up in 15 sports for Canada, which is aiming for a top-eight finish in the medal standings. Scan the code for the story.

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Mike McCoy, playing second base, forces out New York Yankee Derek Jeter in Toronto on Sunday. McCoy has played every position professionally except for catcher and first base. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mike McCoy at peace with nomadic lifestyle

MLB. Plenty of ups and downs in the career of Blue Jays utility player

The flight is always a round trip, and the suitcase is always packed the same: a hat, some shirts and jeans, a suit and a couple pairs of shoes.

Mike McCoy never knows how much he'll need, or for how long he'll be gone. The life of a utility player doesn't allow for much certainty.

He understands his role and knows the Toronto Blue Jays will use him as they see fit. One game on the field, the next two on the bench. Up with the Jays for a homestand, sent back down to the minors minutes after a game ends.

It's been a while now since McCoy allowed himself to think he might one day find a better place to sleep than the team hotel.

"I try to stay realistic. You always know someone's coming off the (disabled list), we have to make a move, so you kind of understand the ins and outs of the game," he says.

"I don't have, like, false hope. I understand that it's a business and I'm one of the guys that has options and I'm a utility player so if they need to send me down then they're going to do that."

Yet the 31-year-old McCoy is one of the Jays' most valuable players. His career batting average, in only 297 at-bats and 147 games through three seasons, is a paltry .199. But what he lacks at the plate is made up for in an ability to play virtually every position.

McCoy has played everywhere professionally except catcher and first base. He says he could probably play those as well if he tried.

He can even pitch, if needed. During an ugly game last season that ended in a 16-4 loss to Boston, McCoy was asked to pitch the ninth. He finished the game with a perfect inning.

McCoy grew up a shortstop, but figured out he would never make it to the majors without learning some new tricks.

Those tricks have helped him carve out a niche in Toronto's lineup since being claimed off waivers after the 2009 offseason. The 2011 season gave him hope for a regular gig. He was called up from triple-A Las Vegas six times, sometimes for just three days. The up-and-down life meant he had to get used to the constant jet lag, and spending time away from his wife and twin sons who reside in San Diego.

"I was up and down a lot. So it was a little more living out of a suitcase but this year I've settled in a little more," says McCoy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"I was a 34th-round pick. I felt like I beat the odds and was able to make it to the big leagues and hopefully I can have a long big-league career in the next five, six, seven years, hopefully." Mike McCoy, Blue Jays utility player

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A New Car. If you go from a vehicle that tends to have higher insurance rates such as a luxury car, sports car, or large SUV, to a smaller or more economical vehicle that has a lower risk level for the insurance company, you could see those rates go down. There are even some cars that come with discounts, such as those that are considered to be highly fuel-efficient or hybrids, or cars with the latest in anti-theft technology.

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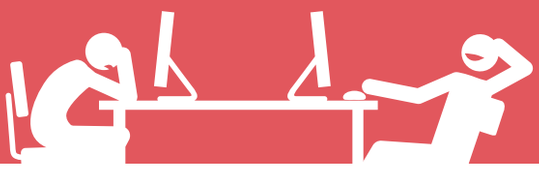

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	68	47	.591	—
Tampa Bay	63	52	.548	5
Baltimore	62	53	.539	6
Boston	57	59	.491	11½
Toronto	**55**	**60**	**.478**	**13**

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	62	52	.544	—
Detroit	61	55	.526	2
Cleveland	54	62	.466	9
Minnesota	50	65	.435	12½
Kansas City	49	65	.430	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	67	47	.588	—
Oakland	61	53	.535	6
Los Angeles	60	56	.517	8
Seattle	53	64	.453	15½

Tuesday's results
Boston at Baltimore
Texas at N.Y. Yankees
Chicago White Sox at **Toronto**
Detroit at Minnesota
Oakland at Kansas City
Cleveland at L.A. Angels
Tampa Bay at Seattle
Monday's results
Toronto 3 Chicago White Sox 2 (11 inn.)
Minnesota 9 Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 4 Seattle 1
N.Y. Yankees 8 Texas 2
Cleveland 6 L.A. Angels 2
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Detroit (Scherzer 11-6) at Minnesota (De Vries 2-3), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 7-7) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 10-5), 3:40 p.m.
Boston (A.Cook 3-5) at Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Feldman 6-7) at N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 8-9) at **Toronto (R.Romero 8-9)**, 7:07 p.m.
Oakland (McCarthy 6-3) at Kansas City (W.Smith 3-4), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (R.Hernandez 0-0) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 5-10), 10:05 p.m.
Thursday's games
Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at **Toronto**, 7:07 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Trout, LAA	93	376	89	128	.340
MiCabrera, Det	116	458	75	148	.323
Mauer, Minn	106	393	66	126	.321
Jeter, NYY	113	484	68	154	.318
Konerko, ChiW	101	377	49	119	.316
Ortiz, Bos	89	320	65	101	.316
Revere, Minn	80	336	44	106	.315
Rios, ChiW	111	430	69	135	.314
AJackson, Det	94	370	74	116	.314
Cano, NYY	115	451	74	141	.313

RBI — MiCabrera, Det, 99; Hamilton, Tex, 99; Willingham, Min, 85; Fielder, Det, 84; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 80;** AdGonzalez, Bos, 80; ADunn, Chi, 78; Pujols, LA, 78.
Home Runs— ADunn, Chi, 33; Hamilton, Tex, 32; **Encarnacion, Tor, 30;** Granderson, NY, 30.
Stolen Bases — Trout, LA, 37; **RDavis, Toronto, 33;** Revere, Minn, 28; Crisp, Oakland, 25.
Tuesday's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	72	44	.621	—
Atlanta	66	49	.574	5½
New York	55	60	.478	16½
Philadelphia	53	62	.461	18½
Miami	52	64	.448	20

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	69	46	.600	—
Pittsburgh	64	51	.557	5
St. Louis	62	53	.539	7
Milwaukee	52	62	.456	16½
Chicago	45	69	.395	23½
Houston	38	79	.325	32

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	63	53	.543	—
San Francisco	63	53	.543	—
Arizona	58	57	.504	4½
San Diego	52	65	.444	11½
Colorado	42	71	.372	19½

Tuesday's results
L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at Miami
San Diego at Atlanta
Houston at Chicago Cubs
Arizona at St. Louis
Milwaukee at Colorado
Washington at San Francisco
Monday's results
San Diego 4 Atlanta 1
Colorado 9 Milwaukee 6
Philadelphia 4 Miami 0
Chicago Cubs 7 Houston 1
Washington 14 San Francisco 2
L.A. Dodgers 5 Pittsburgh 4
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Philadelphia (Halladay 6-6) at Miami (Buehrle 9-11), 12:40 p.m.
Houston (B.Norris 5-9) at Chicago Cubs (Germano 1-2), 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (M.Rogers 0-1) at Colorado (Moscoso 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 13-5) at San Francisco (Lincecum 6-12), 3:45 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-6) at Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 7-11), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 15-3) at Cincinnati (Leake 4-7), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Volquez 7-8) at Atlanta (Maholm 10-7), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (J.Saunders 6-8) at St. Louis (Wainwright 10-10), 8:15 p.m.
Thursday's games
L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Miami at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
McCutchen, Pgh	111	417	81	151	.362
MeCabrera, SF	112	455	83	158	.347
Votto, Cin	86	298	52	102	.342
Posey, SF	105	373	49	124	.332
DWright, NYM	111	412	70	134	.325
CGonzalez, Col	104	413	74	130	.315
Holliday, StL	112	429	74	135	.315
YMolina, StL	100	372	45	117	.315
Braun, Mil	107	413	73	125	.303
Freese, StL	105	380	54	114	.300

RBI — Beltran, StL, 83; Holliday, St. Louis, 79; Braun, Mil, 77; Kubel, Arizona, 77; CGonzalez, Col, 76; LaRoche, Wash, 76; Posey, SF, 76.
Tuesday's games not included

LATE MONDAY

JAYS 3, WHITE SOX 2 (11 INN.)

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	5	0	0	0	RDavis lf	5	0	0	0
Youkils 3b	4	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	3	1	0	0
A.Dunn 1b	5	2	3	2	Encrnc dh	5	0	2	1
Rios rf	5	0	0	0	Cooper 1b	5	0	2	1
Przyns dh	4	0	1	0	YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
AlRmrz ss	4	0	1	0	Sierra rf	3	1	2	1
Viciedo lf	4	0	1	0	Vizquel 3b	4	0	1	0
Flowrs c	4	0	1	0	Mathis c	3	0	0	0
Bckhm 2b	4	0	0	0	Gose cf	2	1	0	0
Totals	**39**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**Totals**	**34**	**3**	**7**	**3**
Chicago			**000**		**100**	**001**		**00—2**	
Toronto			**001**		**000**	**100**		**01—3**	

One out when winning run scored.
DP—Chicago 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Chicago 5, Toronto 6. HR—A.Dunn 2 (33), Sierra (1). SB—Rios (17), Gose (5). CS—Al.Ramirez (5), Viciedo (1), Gose (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Peavy	8	5	2	2	2	6
Myers	1	0	0	0	0	2
Crain	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Septimo L,0-2	0	0	1	1	1	0
N.Jones	0	2	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Villanueva	7	5	1	1	1	8
Lyon H,3	1	0	0	0	0	2
Janssen BS,2-17	1	2	1	1	0	0
Delabar W,3-1	2	0	0	0	0	6

Septimo pitched to 1 batter in the 11th.
N.Jones pitched to 2 batters in the 11th.
HBP—by Peavy (Gose, K.Johnson). WP—Delabar. PB—Mathis.
Umpires—Home, Brian Knight; First, Mike Winters; Second, Mark Wegner; Third, David Rackley.
T—3:05. A—16,828 (49,260).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Sierra	32	4	12	1	3	.375
McCoy	13	2	4	0	3	.308
Encarnacion	408	71	120	30	80	.294
Cooper	115	13	33	4	10	.287
Lawrie	397	59	112	9	40	.282
Davis	277	48	71	6	32	.256
Escobar	423	50	105	7	37	.248
Rasmus	415	56	103	20	66	.248
Bautista	328	63	80	27	65	.244
Arencibia	281	36	68	16	50	.242
Johnson	392	50	91	13	43	.232
Lind	198	17	45	8	27	.227
Mathis	135	20	29	6	19	.215
Vizquel	108	10	23	0	3	.213
Gose	64	7	12	0	2	.188
Gomes	74	8	13	3	10	.176
Hechavarria	20	1	2	0	0	.100

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Mathis	0	0	0	2.0	0	9.00
Jenkins	0	0	0	4.0	2	0.00
Lyon	1	0	0	10.0	20	0.90
Oliver	2	2	2	42.2	42	1.27
Janssen	1	1	15	45.2	46	2.36
Loup	0	2	0	15.2	10	2.87
Morrow	7	4	0	77.2	67	3.01
Villanueva	6	2	0	80.2	86	3.12
Perez	2	2	0	42.0	39	3.43
Lincoln	0	0	0	7.0	4	3.86
Frasor	1	1	0	36.0	45	4.00
Delabar	3	1	0	44.1	60	4.06
Alvarez	7	9	0	135.2	51	4.58
Hutchison	5	3	0	58.2	49	4.60
Drabek	4	7	0	71.1	47	4.67
Laffey	3	3	0	61.0	32	4.72
Romero	8	9	0	143.2	99	5.32
Happ	1	1	0	17.0	16	6.35
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00
Coello	0	1	0	6.1	11	12.79

Tuesday's game not included

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Hamilton	6	3	3	0	182	198	6
Toronto	6	3	3	0	138	151	6
Montreal	6	3	3	0	164	188	6
Winnipeg	6	1	5	0	127	199	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	6	4	2	0	158	119	8
Edmonton	6	4	2	0	139	99	8
Calgary	6	3	3	0	186	174	6
Saskatchewan	6	3	3	0	175	141	6

WEEK 8
Thursday's game
All times Eastern
Hamilton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Friday's game
Montreal at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
Toronto at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Saskatchewan at B.C., 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL PRE-SEASON

Monday's result
Dallas 3 Oakland 0
Thursday's games
All times Eastern
Cleveland at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	24	13	7	4	30	22	43
New York	24	12	7	5	40	34	41
Houston	24	11	6	7	35	27	40
Chicago	23	11	7	5	28	25	38
Montreal	26	10	13	3	36	43	38
D.C.	22	11	8	3	36	29	36
Columbus	20	8	8	4	20	21	28
Philadelphia	21	7	12	2	23	27	23
New England	23	6	12	5	26	29	23
Toronto	22	5	13	4	25	40	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	24	14	5	5	47	29	47
Salt Lake	25	13	9	3	36	30	42
Seattle	23	10	6	7	32	24	37
Vancouver	24	10	7	7	28	29	37
Los Angeles	25	11	11	3	43	39	36
Chivas USA	21	7	9	5	14	25	26
Dallas	25	6	11	8	29	34	26
Colorado	24	8	15	1	31	35	25
Portland	22	5	12	5	20	37	20

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie.
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Portland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Vancouver at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Sunday's games
Philadelphia at D.C., 5 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Houston, 9 p.m.

TENNIS

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WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN

At Mason, Ohio
Men's Singles — First Round
Mardy Fish (10), U.S., def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-2, 6-3.
Kei Nishikori (14), Japan, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Andy Roddick (16), U.S., 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. David Nalbandian, Argentina, 6-7 (0), 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-4, 6-3.
Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 7-5, 6-3.
Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.
Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-4, 6-1.
Men's Singles — Second Round
Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Brian Baker, U.S., 6-4, 6-3.
Women's Singles — First Round
Venus Williams, U.S., def. Maria Kirilenko (12), Russia, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-2.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Nadia Petrova (15), Russia, 7-6 (8), 3-1, retired.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Lucie Safarova (16), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (17), Russia, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-4, 6-0.
Sloane Stephens, U.S., def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-4, 6-1.
Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-1, 2-1, retired.
Sesil Karatantcheva, Kazakhstan, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-1.
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., 6-3, 7-5.
Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Zheng Jie, China, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-3.
Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Madison Keys, United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Christina McHale, U.S., 3-6, 6-3, 3-0, retired.
Womens' Singles — Second Round
Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Men's Doubles — First Round
Andreas Seppi, Italy, and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Paul Hanley, Australia, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 10-7 tiebreak.
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Jonathan Marray, Britain, and Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, 6-4, 7-6 (1).
James Blake and Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Women's Doubles — First Round
Julia Goerges, Germany, and Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, def. Chan Hao-ching and Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, 6-4, 3-6, 16-14 tiebreak.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, and Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., and Sania Mirza, India, 2-6, 6-1, 10-8 tiebreak.
Varvara Lepchenko and Sloane Stephens, U.S., def. Klaudia Jans-Ignacik and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, 6-3, 6-4.
Dominika Cibulkova and Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, & Klara Zakopalova, Cze., 4-6, 6-1, 10-4 tiebreak.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended L.A. Angeles pitching coach Mike Butcher one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for leaving the dugout to aggressively argue balls and strikes during Sunday's game against Seattle.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Selected contract of LHP J.C. Romero from Norfolk (IL). Recalled RHP Steve Johnson from Norfolk. Placed LHP Troy Patton on 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 13. Designated RHP Miguel Socolovich for assignment.
BOSTON RED SOX—Traded C Kelly Shoppach to the N.Y. Mets for a player to be named. Activated RHP Andrew Bailey from the 60-day DL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed RHP Josh Tomlin on 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 13. Reinstated RHP Roberto Hernandez from 15-day DL.
DETROIT TIGERS—Recalled RHP Luke Putkonen from Toledo (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed 3B Brandon Inge on 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 12. Recalled INF Josh Donaldson from Sacramento (PCL).
SEATTLE MARINERS—Placed 1B Mike Carp on the 15-day DL. Recalled 1B Justin Smoak from Tacoma (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with C Koyie Hill on a minor league contract and assigned him to Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Assigned RHP Scott Richmond to Las Vegas (PCL). Agreed to terms with C Jeff Mathis on 2-yr contract through 2014.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Assigned LHP Mike Zagurski outright to Reno (PCL) and selected his contract. Placed RHP Takashi Saito on the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with 1B Matt Mangini on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Seth McClung on a minor league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with SS Johan Rodriguez on a minor league contract.
MIAMI MARLINS—Transferred RHP Sandy Rosario to the 60-day DL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Assigned RHP Kyle Kaminska from Altoona (EL) to Bradenton (FSL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed LHP Brian Fuentes on the restricted list. Recalled RHP Trevor Rosenthal from Memphis (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Selected the contract of LHP Tom Layne from San Antonio (TL). Designated LHP Alex Hinshaw for assignment.

FOOTBALL

CFL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined Montreal LB Rod Davis for an illegal hit on Winnipeg QB Alex Brink during their game on Aug. 3.

NFL

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Claimed DT Ronnie Cameron off waivers from Chicago. Waived RB Eddie Williams.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed G T.J. Lang to a 4-year contract extension through 2016.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed CB Mike Holmes. Waived CB Jeremiah Brown.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Placed LB Dane Fletcher on injured reserve. Released WR Britt Davis.
NEW YORK JETS—Waived CB Devon Torrence.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Placed RB David Johnson on injured reserve. Signed TE Justin Peelle to a one-year contract. Activated OT Max Starks from the physically-unable-to-perform list. Waived RB John Clay.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed TE Joe Sawyer & TE Gijon Robinson. Waived G Garrett Chisolm.

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Crosstrek: As real as it gets

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The right look is critical for any sport ute-style vehicle and Subaru has provided the Crosstrek with its own distinctive nosepiece, front and rear bumpers, roof rails and rear spoiler.

In addition, extra cladding for the wheel arches and rocker panel has been installed.

Ground clearance

The slightly bigger front brake rotors add stopping power and a hiked-up suspension provides 22 centimetres of ground clearance, which is about eight more than the Impreza. That's just shy of the competing Jeep Patriot's 23-centimetre stance and should be plenty for straddling rock-strewn terrain and fording shallow streams.

2013 Subaru XV Crosstrek

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC horizontally opposed four-cylinder (150).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.5/5.5.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $29,000 (est.).

The horizontally opposed engine layout lowers the centre of gravity and provides all kinds of underhood room.

Engine

The Crosstrek's 148-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine comes straight from the Impreza. That's significantly less oomph than the pre-2012 170-horsepower Impreza, but the offset is 7.5-l/100 km city and 5.5 l/100 km highway ratings that crush the old "Imp's" 10.4/7.7 numbers.

Review. It's the right Subaru for the times

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

Is this Subaru for real, or is the new XV Crosstrek arriving this fall just faking it?

If another automaker attempted to elevate one of its small wagons to the status of "off-roader," it would risk becoming an industry laughing stock.

But Subaru is different. It always has been. And just when you think the Japan-based company has settled down and become a conservative member of the community, it ratchets up the funkiness and creates this bold and brash offshoot of its Impreza wagon.

You just gotta love it.

In developing the niche-oriented Crosstrek, the Impreza wagon was an ideal starting point.

Subaru completely reinvented its popular entry-level model for the 2012 model year, making it larger, better looking and significantly more fuel-efficient (albeit less powerful) than before. And with its standard four-wheel-drive, the Impreza has the right stuff to be converted into a pseudo Rubicon Trail-conquering hero.

The reality, however, is that the Crosstrek is best suited for rough road and weather conditions plus limited off-trail adventuring.

Anyone familiar with Volvo's XC70 wagon will think of this Subie as a scaled-down and less expensive copycat as well as sharing kinship with the current Subaru Outback wagon.

Adding the XV Crosstrek to a growing lineup that now also includes the BRZ sports coupe gives Subaru a wider cross-section of vehicles.

It's by no means a Jeep or Land Rover-style rock-crawler, but for more typical rugged outdoor activities, the XV Crosstrek is about as real as it gets.

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The elements of the Element

Second Gear. 2003 to 2010 Honda Element

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Aimed at value-minded weekend adventurers, the Honda Element was designed to offer reliable versatility and all-weather driving confidence. A flexible cabin with thoughtful touches helped Element connect with outdoorsy couples, pet lovers and families.

Reverse-hinged rear doors and no centre pillar created a large opening into the vehicle. Removable rear seats added flexibility too. Other feature content included tire pressure monitoring, tinted glass, remote entry, satellite radio, Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) power accessories, cruise control and more.

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Common Issues

Be sure the Element's keys work properly in all door locks, and ensure the remote works as expected. Ensure the tailgate opens, closes and latches properly with no slamming. Note that the key and latch-related problems mainly affected earlier models.

Check the interior and exterior for signs of excessive wear, noting any cracking, ripping or peeling of seat material, excessive scraping or scuffing to the door sills or cargo area trim, and wear to the vehicle's carpeting. Check that all interior accessories work as expected, too.

Clogged or kinked sunroof drain tubes could cause a water leak into the Element's cabin — evidenced by damp carpeting or a musty smell inside. Finally, have a mechanic check for tire and brake life, and for leaks from the engine, transmission and AWD system — if so equipped.

Engine

A 2.4-litre four-cylinder VTEC unit with 160 or 166 horsepower was on board, teamed with a four or five-speed automatic, or a five-speed manual. All Wheel Drive was available.

What Owners Like

Generous cargo capacity, flexibility, gas mileage, styling and a solid, fun-to-drive feel are typically reported by Element's owners. Manoeuvrability and a commanding view of the road are also praised.

What Owners Dislike

Blind spots, low towing capacity, modest power output and the four-seat cabin are among the most common complaints of the Element.

Verdict

Where versatility and an upscale, compact driving experience are priorities, Element should satisfy. A front-drive, manual-equipped model should prove the least expensive to insure and fuel.

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From grade-schoolers raising a buck for the band, to Butch in the driveway with a hose and a sponge, the art of the car wash has been around for as long as ... well, as long as the car.

Some folks are meticulous about keeping their cars clean. Others wait for the next rainstorm to do the job.

But for those of who question Mother Nature's detailing ability, what's the best method for keeping a vehicle clean?

Does the TLC of a hand wash in the driveway outweigh the convenience and ease of the automatic/drive-thru wash? Not a chance, at least according to a 2007 study from the University of Texas at Arlington.

"The results are depressing, at least to the car owner who, up to now, has firmly believed in hand washing," the study findings were summarized in part. "...Under the microscope, the paintwork (after hand washing) looked like a cratered landscape. The paintwork was deeply scored and scratched — the result of dirt and trapped sand particles."

The two cars used in the study were each washed 25 times — estimated to be a year's worth of car washes — one by hand, and the other by machine. After which the paint "scars" were examined by microscope on both vehicles.

"By comparison, the surfaces of the test vehicle washed with automatic car washing equipment appeared different," the summary reported. "It was remarkably smooth, the result of evenly moving and rotating cloth pads and curtains."

The study also suggested that the garden hose used by do-it-yourselfers in the driveway is unable to supply enough water or pressure to safely remove dirt without injuring the vehicle's finish. How often a car needs to be washed is a personal preference. But if birds, bugs or trees find your vehicle, it's time for a good wash.

Experts say if left unattended — especially in the hot sun — acids in bird poop, bug guts and tree sap can cause paint to fade and do serious damage to the finish. And that was our call to action to test out a couple of theories ... on a $160,000 Audi R8.

Hey, what's in that goop?

While the University of Texas study indicates automatic/drive-thru car washes are the safest, thoughts of vehicle damage and the great unknown of what the heck is coming out of those spray nozzles makes every car owner squeamish at the wash entrance.

Sure, the colorful foam that looks like regurgitated cotton candy smells curiously nice when applied to your vehicle — usually like lemons or medicinal bubble gum — but what is it?

That "soap" is just a mix of Sodium Dodecylbenzenesulfonate, Neodol, a surfactant, a little added scent, and water ... all of which sounds like a madchemist's evil cocktail, but is actually benign when mixed properly.

The first mouthful — Sodium Dodecylbenzenesulfonate — is a common ingredient in laundry detergent that helps to loosen the dirt when mixed with water. Neodol is widely used in common surface cleaners, and helps give the car a waxy protective finish. And the surfactant helps the water work peacefully with the detergent in the cleaning process.

The familiar conveyor-type car wash operates on an intricate system of lasers, mitter curtains, computers, scrubbers, nozzles, hydraulics, brushes and dryers, which is a design that has been around since the late 1930s and has been evolving ever since.

For the novice, mitter curtains are the long, soft, stationary strips of cloth that hang near the entrance of the wash tunnel. Scrubbers are the large, rotating cylinders with hundreds of small cloth strips attached to them. These rotate and a high rate of speed, up to 500 revolutions per minute, and would feel like a whip if you decided to roll down the window for a touch.

Older automatic washes typically built before 1980 used brushes made with soft nylon, but which often left "brush marks" on the vehicle's paint. Newer washers built in the last 25 years mainly used cloth with a slight pendulum action to wash the vehicle. The cloth is less harmful to vehicle paint, provided it is frequently flushed with water to remove any grit from previous washes.

The more recent touchless wash systems use high water pressure to clean the vehicle instead of brushes, minimizing the chance of surface damage and lowering liability costs for car wash proprietors. The nozzles of each jet are arranged like a pinwheel and the incredible force of the water — up to 1,000 lbs per square inch — rapidly spins these wheels to create a circular pattern and the necessary scrubbing action.

These newer high-pressure washes can use 1,200-1,500 litres of water per car, or the equivalent of 60-75 of those 20-litre pails you might use at home. To conserve water and reload for the next wash, these systems usually have a pressure tank situated nearby to recapture and recycle the water through a filtration process.

Once the car is washed, a protective wax is often applied (it's usually optional) that is different from over-the-counter wax brands because it is formulated to also work on glass, chrome and rubber, though it does not provide the same level of protection or help to cover up/repair tiny scratches as standard wax does. Old habits die hard, and the results of one study might not persuade Butch or the other driveway do-it-yourselfers from changing their ways. In our little experiment, the touchless car wash performed surprisingly well, but left brake dust on the wheels and a few bugs in the grille.

But one thing is clear: given the choice between potential hazards from birds, bugs and trees, or those from either type of car wash, always choose the latter.

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A not-quite-white Audi R8 seems like the perfect way to test out a couple of wash methods. We hand washed the passenger side (including the roof, hood and hatch) by hand, took photos, and then drove the whole thing through a touchless automatic car wash to compare. Research might show less damage with an automatic wash as opposed to contact with a wash mitt, but the hand washed car was cleaner overall. It would seem that the direction you choose depends on the time you have and how fussy you are. HANDOUT

Since the automatic car wash can't see that it didn't get all the bugs off, it sometimes doesn't get all the bugs off. Hand power wins over tech. HANDOUT

Pretty much any physical contact with the paint surface can cause scratches, but when drying it helps to start with a clean towel. Unless it's spitting out fire or gravel, the air dryer at the automatic car wash wins this round.

After two passes with the soap, the auto wash spits this stuff all over the car. Whatever it is — apparently wax — it smells great. And you never have to get out of your car. Two more checkmarks for the auto wash. HANDOUT

Auto car washes come with disclaimers, instructions and a keypad you have to type a code into. At home, it's just a hose. Winner? Hose. HANDOUT

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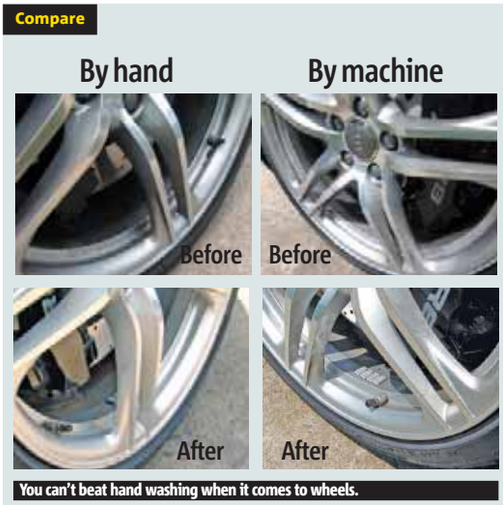

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A minivan might be the most practical way to take your family and your belongings on summer vacation, but the Porsche Panamera Turbo S has a bit more to offer, as its $200,000 price tag implies. WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM

Watching for movie stars at Joan's on Third bistro in Beverly Hills, Calif., the Panamera looks right at home. WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM

The "kids" in this case include fellow writer Lisa Calvi, a tall person who had no trouble with leg room. WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM

Porsche Panamera — the perfect road-tripping family vehicle?

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Pound for pound, feature for feature, the Dodge Grand Caravan has to be one of the best deals out there in family transportation. Look at the space. Look at the seating. But ... it's a minivan and that's just not for everyone, no matter how practical or good it is.

This is day six of a 10-day road trip to Los Angeles, Calif., from San Francisco. Normally a straight shot down the left coast, we're not actually interested in getting from Point S.F. to Point L.A. as fast as we can. Instead of 700 kilometres, this road trip is more like 2,500.

Certainly a Caravan would be a comfortable conveyance, but leaving Arby's to get into a white Porsche four-door provides its own perks for well-to-do families. That's right. Families.

Over the years, Porsche has undertaken a strategy to put its cars in the hands of more people and not just the usual Porsche drivers. Spending $100,000 or more on a limited-purpose three-season sports car is one thing when you're single and living the good life, but what happens when you eventually settle down with a family? Well, actually, you don't settle down, you just bring them along for the ride in something like this Porsche Panamera Turbo S.

While this is the best car in the Panamera line at about $200,000, the base four-passenger model sells for about $87,500, which is actually about $6,000 less than a two passenger Porsche 911.

That's still pretty far out in left field when compared to a Grand Caravan, but the Panamera Turbo S (sarcastically referred to on this trip as the "Turbo Family Truckster" after the vehicle in National Lampoon's Vacation) is quite possibly the perfect family car.

With a 550-horsepower twin-turbocharged 4.8-litre V8, big wheels and a paddle-shift seven speed manual transmission with automatic mode, it's certainly a far more exciting way to gobble up the steamy asphalt in Death Valley, Calif.

Fuel economy isn't even all that wretched for such a machine, with a highway rating of 8.6 l/100 km. Still, it's tough to keep your foot off the accelerator on the really big highways, in which case you'll be blowing through $130 premium fill-ups (the tank is almost 100 litres) a bit more often. Passengers are treated to fine chocolate-brown leather heated-and-cool seats and absolutely enormous stretch-out room in the rear with individual DVD monitors affixed to the headrests. It's the equivalent of riding in a personal jet and with a top speed of 306 km/h (zero-to-100 km/h in 3.8 seconds, despite weighing 2,000 kilograms plus guests) it sort of feels that way, too, especially when the multi-piece rear spoiler sets itself up as you rocket through 100 km/h with nose-up attitude.

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5 Favourite price-defying cars

Whether it's advanced functionality, performance, a great cabin or just a whack load of goodies for the price, here are a few rides that do a better-than-average job of feeling more expensive than they really are.

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Ford Focus Titanium

The Focus Titanium is full of thoughtful little touches that do big things to make it delightful. A cap-less fuel filler, one-touch up and down windows, embossed leather seats, LED mood-lighting and a colourful, deep and detailed interior with heaps of at-hand storage are some examples. Ford Sync, key-less start, and a self-parking system add high-tech appeal, and an ultra-modern and premium cabin atmosphere rounds out the package.

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Jeep Grand Cherokee

The new Jeep Grand Cherokee combines a laundry-list of advanced features and legendary off-road performance with a seriously great-looking cabin. Premium materials and accents throughout the cabin, including wood and aluminum, keep eyes and fingertips engaged. There's a modern, vibrant and high-quality feel throughout, backed up by a fantastic, solid on-road ride. A power tailgate, panoramic sunroof, navigation, automatic high-beams, and even a 120-volt power outlet can all be specified.

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Kia Rio

The Kia Rio SX with the Luxury Navigation package amounts to a sub-$22,000 car with a list of features befitting a flagship luxury sedan. Heated steering wheel? Check. Navigation? Backup camera? Automatic climate control? You got it. There's also Bluetooth audio streaming, push-button start, heated leather and plenty more.

It's all wrapped in one of the compact car segment's most upscale and detailed cabins. Colour, contrast and depth all work towards a fantastic level of sophistication.

Hyundai Genesis R-Spec Sedan

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A combination of things make the Genesis Sedan feel like it should cost more. The rich, leather-wrapped cabin is sumptuous on a level that rivals $100,000 German cars.

The five-litre V8 has more ponies per litre than virtually any luxury sedan on the road, and the Lexicon stereo will rattle the plates off of your grandmother's walls. You get eight gears, 429 horsepower and all the goodies — alongside world-class levels of space, style, quiet and luxury for about $53,500.

Incidentally, that's about $5,000 less than a 310-horsepower Audi A6.

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Volvo S60 R-Design

For about $51,000, Volvo's S60 R-Design gives drivers 325 horsepower, all-wheel drive (AWD), a sport-tuned chassis and unquestionably the most comfortable seats in the industry. It's also one of the most beautiful cars to drive on any road, and in any weather, on this side of a six-digit price tag.

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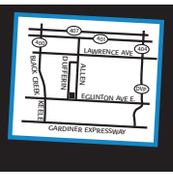

First-time new-vehicle buyers aren't so young

Talking about the old folks. You can sell a whippersnapper's car to an older person, but not the other way around

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Hyundai Veloster is targeted at Generation Y, but older drivers like it too. With more older buyers ready, willing and able to drive the vehicle home, they've pushed the medium age of the Veloster buyer in Canada to 46. CONTRIBUTED

In a recent study, with a sample size of one (me), the findings are that 50 might be the new 30, but only when you consider a very small and select group of body parts. All other body parts are very adamant about being 50 or better.

In another study, this time by the automotive research arm of Maritz Canada, and with a much larger sample size, the findings are that 50, or more precisely, 50.8, is the average age of new-vehicle buyers in this country. With such a large post-war baby boom in Canada, it shouldn't be a surprise that most buyers are 50-something, but it still seems surprising, or at least surprising-ish.

Now consider this: The average age of first-time buyers is 38!

"This is not to say the 20-24 age group is not buying cars, just that they aren't buying them in numbers that people may think," says Chris Travel of Maritz Canada. "The action is with older customers, not only in sheer numbers, but also in their ability to pay for vehicles."

Money is obviously a thing that can keep a young buck separated from a $196,400 Porsche 911 Turbo S. One thing young people certainly have lots of is "no money."

John Vernile is vice president of marketing at Hyundai Auto Canada. He notes that Hyundai's average buyer age hovers around 50, even when the vehicles are targeted to young people. For example, the medium age of Accent buyers is dead on 50, while the medium age of Elantra buyers is 53. Again, this is not to say that young people don't buy them, they do, just that older folk buy more.

According to Maritz, when young people do buy new, they do head most to the subcompact and compact segments. But considering how many older people buy the things too, it seems a bit weird to me somehow, that the marketing of these vehicles is so heavily skewed to the younger, beach volleyball set. But at least it conforms to an old auto industry maxim — you can sell a young person's car to an older person, but can't sell an older person's car to a younger person.

Vernile notes that Hyundai is particularly interested in the young buyer.

"Our loyalty rate, at 52 per cent, is among the highest in the industry. Once we get 'share of driveway' we tend to hang on to our customers, as they move through their life stages."

Another factor in this discussion, of course, is that this current crop of young people is just not as interested in getting behind the wheel as previous generations. We talked about this cultural shift before.

I still don't get it, but if middle age has taught me anything, it's that the list of things I don't get is infinite and expanding — so no sense in getting hung up on every little mystery that comes along.

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"If you don't have an appraisal, you don't have insurance for replacement value," says Wayne Copeland, vice-president of business development for Antique & Classic Auto Appraisal Service.

"When there is a loss with a third-party appraisal, then the insurance company pays the agreed value."

While appraisals are most commonly for antique cars, they're useful any time there is added value, such as a newer vehicle that has been heavily modified. Copeland has also done appraisals for estate sales and divorce proceedings, and in Ontario, you'll need one if you're buying a vehicle that's 20 years or older, to determine the sales tax.

There are no government standards for appraisers, and anyone can claim to be qualified. A poor appraisal runs the risk of incorrect value, and insurance companies are within their rights to refuse one that doesn't meet their standards.

Copeland says the appraiser must see the vehicle in person, and the appraisal should include the car's year and make, mileage, license number, condition, complete description, several photographs, and the appraiser's full contact information. You should receive two copies: one for your files, and one to send to the insurance company.

The appraiser should also take various factors into consideration when determining a price, including what it would cost to fix following a crash. A 1957 Fiat may not be as valuable as a 1957 Chevrolet, for example, but replacement parts for the rarer Fiat could cost more than for the Chevy, which is popular enough that many companies stock parts.

You can ask your insurance company if it recommends any appraisers, and most importantly, if there are any whose work they reject. Ask car club members if there's anyone they've used. And ask the appraiser if he's familiar with your vehicle. If he only does antique cars, for example, he may not know as much about customized ones. Your appraisal should be updated every few years to account for changing car prices, or if you do something that adds to its value, such as restoration or major modifications. And don't just think about cars.

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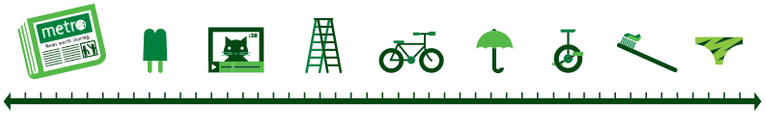

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Someone you work with will try to sabotage your efforts today. They won't succeed, but it might be an idea to ask yourself why they are being so mean. Most likely they are jealous of your popularity.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Before a disagreement of some sort gets out of hand, try standing back and seeing things from the other person's point of view. Maybe you are being a bit too harsh. Maybe they need encouragement.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Take care not to be wasteful over the next few days. No matter how much you think you need something and no matter how much of a bargain you believe it is, wait before reaching for your wallet.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may be rather emotional today but nothing bad will come of it. The important thing is that you don't allow yourself to overreact. Whatever your current problem may be, it's not the end of the world.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may not want to force a friend or loved one to do something against their will but you have no choice. The fact is you are going to have to crack the whip – it's the only way to get them moving.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Different people have different personalities and because of that tend to look at the world in different ways. Bear that thought in mind when dealing with someone who, to your way of thinking, seems a bit stupid.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone in a position of power will give you a hard time today but now that you are aware of that fact, you can take evasive action. Stay out of their way if you can — and, if you can't, refuse to be riled.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something that you committed to a few weeks ago no longer grabs you, mentally or emotionally, in the way it once did. Too Bad. You made a promise to other people, so you must see it through to completion.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Never, ever allow yourself to get emotional about money. The moment you break this cardinal rule is the moment you start asking for trouble. If you need to cut your losses then do so.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Someone you work or do business with is being annoyingly obstructive and things will come to a head over the next 24 hours. A parting of the ways may well be the only option left open to you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You seem to be lacking a sense of urgency at the moment, which is holding you back from starting something that could be good for you. Today's Mars-Saturn link will push you into action.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be tempted to go your own way and do your own thing but the planets warn you won't get far. Some things are better done in alliance with other people to spread the risk and share the joys of success. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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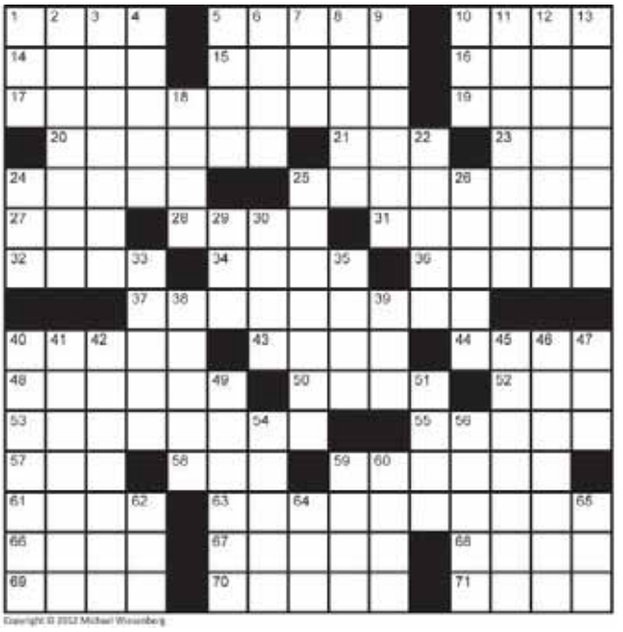

Across
1. US government agent, for short
5. "___ in the hand is worth two ..." (2 wds.)
10. Barber's concern
14. Tiny bit
15. Breezy Hawaiian room
16. Throb
17. Prominent Prairie Provinces feature
19. False god or idol
20. Ottawa-born songstress Morisette
21. Here: Fr.
23. 506: Rom. numerals
24. String quartet member
25. Canadian lawmen
27. Special connections
28. "Monster" that's really a lizard
31. ___ of Georgia: Gulf Islands location
32. Predicament
34. Pig sound
36. Leases out
37. July 1 holiday (2 wds.)
40. Room under the roof
43. Pro ___: proportionately
44. Agreed-on guidelines: abbr.
48. Knucklehead
50. Crypt
52. Picante
53. East Coast's ___ Provinces
55. "___ having fun yet?" (2 wds.)
57. "How was ___ know?" (2 wds.)
58. Bigheadedness
59. Like some measures (metres and feet, say)
61. Baseball scores
63. One of 53-Across (2 wds.)
66. Artist born Romain de Tirtoff, from his French initials
67. Excluding, with "from"
68. Angers
69. Winter forecast
70. Rental contract
71. Not more

Down
1. Band's engagement
2. 8 miles from Lake Louise, this lake has same blue-green color and is named from the rockpile at one end
3. ___ for words: speechless (3 wds.)
4. Like some twangs
5. "___ Want for Christmas ..." (2 wds.)
6. Pasture sounds
7. B&B
8. AM/FM apparatus
9. Olympic saucer
10. Canadiens member, familiarly
11. Early French Canadian
12. Puzzle solver's exclamation (3 wds.)
13. Puts back on eBay
18. Cause of a delay
22. Prefix meaning "within" before "mural" or "venous"
24. High spirits
25. Landslide winner's claim
26. 3s in poker
29. Charged particle
30. Perjurer
33. Space opera genre (2 wds.)
35. Green Hornet's sidekick
38. Less than 90°
39. BC Hydro structure
40. Regards highly
41. How a roast is done (perfectly) (3 wds.)
42. Argonauts' home
45. IMAX ___
46. Gifts or cash put up by bride's father
47. Sault ___ Marie
49. Cell phone requirement
51. BMO, for one: Fr.
54. ___ Jaw, SK
56. Add more lubricant
59. Fellows
60. "Understood!" (2 wds.)
62. Attach a button
64. Canadian National Rail's passenger subsidiary that became a separate Crown corporation in 1978
65. Donkey

Yesterday's crossword

What's online

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Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

			8			7		
5		9		2			6	
8			6			9		
		7		1	8			3
	2						1	
3			9	6		8		
		1			3			4
	9			7		5		2
		5			4			

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	8	1	2	9	5	7	6	4
2	6	4	8	1	7	9	3	5
9	5	7	4	6	3	2	8	1
7	9	8	5	3	6	1	4	2
6	4	5	1	8	2	3	9	7
1	2	3	7	4	9	6	5	8
5	1	9	3	7	8	4	2	6
4	3	2	6	5	1	8	7	9
8	7	6	9	2	4	5	1	3

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+3 payments on us* or cash equivalent

$0 DOWN	LEASE IT FROM $189§ PER MONTH	AT 0.9% APR	FOR UP TO 48 MONTHS

$0 DOWN PAYMENT. Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $1,839 and $500 lease savings.
BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $16,034. Offer based on 2013 Rio5 LX MT.

Rio5 SX shown△
HWY (M/T): 4.9L/100KM
CITY (M/T): 6.6L/100KM

2013 OPTIMA

LEASE IT FROM $241§ PER MONTH	AT 0.9% APR	FOR UP TO 48 MONTHS

$2,399 down payment.
Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $1,939.
BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $23,934. Offer based on 2013 Optima LX MT.

Optima SX Turbo shown△
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CITY (A/T): 8.6L/100KM

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